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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

<u>OFFICE, NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME#</u>	<u>TERM EXP</u>	<u>OFFICE#</u>
BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
Edward D. Reese, Sr.	1028 Somerset Ave. No. Dighton	508-669-5650	2011	669-6431
Thomas J. Pires	3223 Millers Ln. Dighton	508-669-5186	2009	669-6431
Nancy J. Goulart	631 Gray Terrace No. Dighton	508-823-6179	2010	669-6431
TOWN CLERK				
Susana Medeiros	1281 Center St. Dighton	774-872-1111	2010	669-5411
TOWN TREASURER (Temporary Appt.)				
Mary Hathaway	383 Gray Ter No. Dighton	508-824-6538	2010	669-5411
TOWN COLLECTOR (Temporary Appt.)				
Mary Hathaway	383 Gray Ter No. Dighton	508-824-6538	2010	669-5411
TOWN MODERATOR				
William E. McKeon, Jr.	2308 Pleasant St. Dighton	508-669-6340	2009	669-6431
BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
Carol A. Beauregard	472 Estherbrook Ave Dighton	508-669-6291	2010	669-5043
Pauline A. Smith	515 Main St. Dighton	508-669-6190	2011	669-5043
Joseph Jr. Silva	1668 Pine St. Dighton	508-669-5606	2009	669-5043
TREE WARDEN				
Thomas Ferry	741 Main St. Dighton	508-669-5709	2009	669-6431

D-R SCHOOL DIST.COMM.

Lisa Gay	1850 Pinehill Rd. No. Dighton	508-669-6408	2009	252-5000
Howard J. Horsman	1782 Wheeler St. No. Dighton	508-822-3882	2009	252-5000
Barbara S. Murray	2300 Fieldstone Dr. No. Dighton,	508-669-6519	2011	252-5000
William Newman	2440 Maple Swamp Rd. No. Dighton	508-252-5994	2010	252-5000
Janice M. Terry	66 Walker St. No. Dighton	508-823-1194	2011	252-5000

PLANNING BOARD

Stephen T. Gilbert	1780 Smith St. Dighton	508-669-9084	2009	669-6636
Bruce M. Murphy	238 Chase St. No. Dighton	508-822-7445	2012	669-6636
Heidi J. Swist	223 Muddy Cove Ln. Dighton	508-669-5440	2013	669-6636
David J. Araujo, Sr.	790 Tremont St. No. Dighton	508-823-4911	2010	669-6636
Robert C. Boughner	477 Estherbrook Ave. Dighton	508-669-6595	2011	669-6636

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Virginia E. Berube	660 Sesame St. No. Dighton	508-828-6507	2010	669-6421
Ronald J. O'Connor	594 School St. No. Dighton	508-821-3782	2011	669-6421
Lynn A. Dupont	240 Country Hill Dr. No. Dighton	508-386-0780	2009	669-6421

PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONERS

Heidi J. Swist	223 Muddy Cove Ln. Dighton	508-669-5440	2010	
Maryanne E. Watson	1920 Milk St. Dighton	508-669-4366	2011	
Robert J. Woods, Jr.	158 Chase St. No. Dighton	508-669-4114	2009	

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Edward J. Olney	883 Prospect St No. Dighton	508-823-0836	2011	823-8361
Roberta M. Perry	63 Summer St. No. Dighton	508-824-7892	2013	823-8361
Alice E. Souza	1679 Elm St. Dighton	508-669-5776	2010	823-8361
Frank G. Costa	900 Somerset Ave. No. Dighton	508-669-5327	2012	823-8361

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Timothy P. Lynch	396 Riverside Dr. No. Dighton	508-880-0291	2010	669-5111
William Costa	683 Somerset Ave. No. Dighton	508-669-5719	2009	669-5111
Gregory F. Olsen	925 Main St. Dighton		2011	669-5111

TOWN MODERATOR’S APPOINTMENTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William Copeland	777 Spring Street No. Dighton		2009	
Richard Kowalski	1577 Berube Drive No. Dighton		2009	
Paul Pacheco	767 Williams Street No. Dighton		2009	
Kevin J. Perry	741 Council Oak Way No. Dighton		2009	
Edward B. Swartz	225 Country Hill Drive No. Dighton		2009	669-6660
Wallace A. Wood	1932 Pine Street Dighton		2009	

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE #</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ OFFICE MANAGER BOS		
Kerrie Easterday	669-6431	9/15/2009
AGENT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH		
Helen Kadlec	669-6431	6/30/2009
Joseph Lawrence	669-4524	6/30/2009
Susana Medeiros	669-6431	6/30/2009
Joseph Pacheco	669-6431	6/30/2009
Alice Souza	669-6431	6/30/2009
Pamela Waller	669-5411	6/30/2009
AGENT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
Joseph Lawrence	669-4524	6/30/2009
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL LIAISON		
Edward Dutra		6/30/2009
BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER		
Robert Adams	669-4507	6/30/2010
Peter Caron	669-4507	6/30/2009
Joseph Pacheco	669-4507	6/30/2011
Kenneth Pacheco	669-4507	6/30/2009
Kenneth Rebello	669-4507	6/30/2011
E. Bud Whalon	669-4507	6/30/2009
BRIDGE TENDER		
Thomas Ferry		6/30/2009
BUILDING INSPECTOR		
Joseph Lawrence	669-4524	6/30/2009
BUILDING INSPECTOR (ASSISTANT)		
James D. Aguiar, Jr.		6/30/2009
BURIAL AGENT		
Arthur Morton		6/30/2009
BY-LAW COMMITTEE MEMBER		
Richard Gunther		6/30/2009
Paul Pacheco		6/30/2009
Kevin Perry		6/30/2009
Michael Rebello		6/30/2009
Edward Silvia		6/30/2009

NAME	OFFICE #	TERM EXPIRES
CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE		
Mark Horner		6/30/2009
Christopher MacDonald		6/30/2009
Edward Olney		6/30/2009
Roberta Perry	824-7892	6/30/2009
James Ready		6/30/2009
Ronald Smith	669-6431	6/30/2009
CEMETERY COMMISSION		
Thomas Ferry		6/30/2009
Arthur Morton		6/30/2009
Elaine Varley		6/30/2009
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR		
Paul Correa	669-5461	6/30/2009
COMMUNICATIONS		
Carline A Gorey		6/30/2009
April M Lehane		6/30/2009
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
John Crawford	669-6431	6/30/2009
James Digits	669-6431	6/30/2009
William Frenette	669-6431	6/30/2009
Charles Mello	669-6431	6/30/2009
Nicholas Santore	669-6431	6/30/2009
CONSTABLE		
Thomas Medeiros		6/30/2009
Susana Medeiros	669-5411	6/30/2009
Mickelle Razvillas		6/30/2009
COUNCIL ON AGING		
Jeffrey Allie		5/31/2012
Thomas Ferry		5/31/2010
James Hoyer	669-4348	5/31/2009
Gloria Johnson		5/31/2010
Joseph Lawrence	669-4524	5/31/2010
Harold Mendoza		5/31/2009
Roberta Perry		5/31/2011
Nicholas Santore		5/31/2011
Joan Woods		5/31/2009
DIGHTON CULTURAL COUNCIL		
Charlene Hirschy		6/30/2009
Kristen Kearns		6/30/2009
Betty McKenna		6/30/2009
Ronald J. O'Connor		6/30/2009
Julie Sprague		6/30/2009
Robin Whalen		6/30/2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE #</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES Robert Woods	669-5027	6/30/2009
DISASTER COMMITTEE Nancy Goulart Robert MacDonald Thomas Pires James Ready Edward Reese Antone Roderick, Jr.	669-6431	6/30/2009 6/30/2009 6/30/2009 6/30/2009 6/30/2009 6/30/2009
DOG OFFICER Joy Bannister		6/30/2009
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER Nancy Goulart	669-6431	6/30/2009
FENCE VIEWERS Carol Beauregard Joseph Jr. Silva Pauline Smith	669-5043 669-5043 669-5043	6/30/2009 6/30/2009 6/30/2009
FISH & GAME WARDEN Anthony Ferris Thomas Ferry Robert Woods		6/30/2009 6/30/2009 6/30/2009
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE Jim Howland Charles Mello Bruce Murphy Kenneth Pacheco Alice Souza	669-6431 824-0095	6/30/2009 6/30/2009 6/30/2009 6/30/2009 6/30/2009
GAS APPLIANCE INSPECTOR Donald French		6/30/2009
GAS APPLIANCE INSPECTOR (ASSISTANT) Jeff Potter		6/30/2009
GRAVES OFFICER David L. Marvill		6/30/2009
ADA COMMITTEE Nancy Goulart	669-6431	6/30/2009
HARBORMASTER Ron Marino	669-6431	6/30/2009
HEALTH AGENT Kevin Bernardo	669-5182	6/30/2009

NAME	OFFICE #	TERM EXPIRES
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
Wayne Dumenigo		6/30/2009
Gregg Ferreira		6/30/2009
Richard Gunther		6/30/2009
Charles Mastrangelo		
Lois Rose McCormick		6/30/2009
Colette McKeon		6/30/2009
Elaine Varley		6/30/2009
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS		
Paul Hoffshire		6/30/2009
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		
Peter Bleau	669-6431	6/30/2009
INSPECTOR OF WIRES (ASSISTANT)		
Mark Copeland	669-6431	6/30/2009
Joseph Linhares	669-4524	6/30/2009
INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER		
Carol Beauregard	669-5043	6/30/2009
Charles Cestodio		6/30/2009
Jeff Gagnon		6/30/2009
Mary Hathaway		
David McGuirk		6/30/2009
Harold Mendoza		6/30/2009
Christopher Ready		6/30/2009
Carol Stevens		6/30/2009
JTPB SRPEDD		
Donna Kulpa	669-6431	6/30/2009
JTPB SRPEDD (ALTERNATE)		
Thomas Pires		6/30/2009
LAND USE COMMITTEE MEMBER		
Carol Beauregard	669-5027	6/30/2009
Jim Howland		6/30/2009
Wayne LePage	669-6910	6/30/2009
Susana Medeiros	669-5411	6/30/2009
David Neely		6/30/2009
Robert Perry		6/30/2009
James Ready		6/30/2009
Robert Woods	669-5027	6/30/2009
MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR RIGHT TO KNOW		
Antone Roderick, Jr.		6/30/2009
MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER		
Edward Dutra		6/30/2009

NAME	OFFICE #	TERM EXPIRES
ON-CALL DISPATCHER		
Carline Gorey		6/30/2009
April M Lehané		6/30/2009
PARKING CLERK		
Harold Gracia	669-6431	6/30/2009
PLUMBING INSPECTOR		
Donald French	669-5702	6/30/2009
PLUMBING INSPECTOR (ASSISTANT)		
Jeff Potter		6/30/2009
POLICE CHAPLAIN		
POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF		
Robert MacDonald		6/30/2010
POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROLMEN		
Shawn Cronin		6/30/2009
James Duddy		6/30/2009
Ronald Duquet		6/30/2009
George Nichols, Jr.		6/30/2009
William Perry		6/30/2009
Douglas Roy		6/30/2009
POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANTS		
Edward Dutra, Jr.		6/30/2009
James Lavigne		6/30/2009
David McGuirk		6/30/2009
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBER		
Mark Duffy		6/30/2009
Robert MacDonald	669-6711	6/30/2009
Robert McNamara		6/30/2009
Antone Roderick		6/30/2009
Antone Roderick, Jr.	669-6611	6/30/2009
Heidi Swist	669-6636	6/30/2009
Wayne Wood		6/30/2009

NAME	OFFICE #	TERM EXPIRES
RESERVE OFFICER		
Jerome Coelho		6/30/2009
Paula DeForitis		6/30/2009
Roger Duarte		6/30/2009
Steven Ferreira		6/30/2009
Nicole Loura		6/30/2009
Patrick McCarthy		6/30/2009
William Rasmussen		6/30/2009
Ryan Richards		6/30/2009
Jonathan Rioux		6/30/2009
David Sheedy		6/30/2009
Bradley Steever		6/30/2009
Joy Swartzendruber		6/30/2009
Mark Wheeler		6/30/2009
SANITATION AGENT		
Joseph Pacheco		6/30/2009
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
Dana Wells		6/30/2009
SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Nancy Goulart		6/30/2009
Thomas Pires		6/30/2009
Edward Reese		6/30/2009
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER		
Harold Gracia		6/30/2009
Daniel Lowney, Jr.		6/30/2009
Richard Roussel		6/30/2009
Clifford Sadler, Jr.		6/30/2009
SRPEDD REPRESENTATIVE		
Donna Kulpa		6/30/2009
SUPERINTENDANT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL		
Thomas Ferry		6/30/2009
TOBACCO CONTROL COORDINATOR		
Marilyn Edge	324-2423	6/30/2009
TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
Jennifer Luiz	669-6011	6/30/2009
TOWN COUNCIL		
David T. Gay, Gay, Gay & Field, P.C.		6/30/2009
TOWN HISTORIAN		
Elaine Varley		6/30/2009
VETERANS AGENT		
Robert Woods	669-5027	6/30/2009
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER		
James D. Aguiar, Jr.		

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 1, 2008

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the Election of Officers for the Town of Dighton was held at the Dighton Elementary School on April 1, 2008 on warrant dated February 28, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Susana Medeiros. The balloting was under the supervision of Elaine Varley, Honorary Warden, Joan Ready, Warden, Theresa M. Carpenter, Clerk, Lois Achtelik, Dolores Barboza, Eleanor Boegler, Beverly Chaloux, Helen Compos, Florinda Perry, Mary Perry, Barbara Pierce, Elizabeth Silvia, Alice Souza, Betty Spratt and Ashlee Waller.

The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the total number of votes cast was One Thousand One Hundred Forty Four. The ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectman for Three Years

Richard P. Hegeman.....	563	
Edward D. Reese, Sr.....	574	
Blanks	6	
Others.....	1	1144
.....Edward D. Reese, Sr. declared elected		

Town Moderator for One Year

William E. McKeon, Jr.....	832	
Blanks	300	
Others.....	12	1144
William E. McKeon, Jr. declared elected		

Assessor for Three Years

Pauline A. Smith.....	848	
Blanks	291	
Others.....	5	1144
Pauline A. Smith declared elected		

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Committee for Three Years

Barbara S. Murray	713	
Janice M. Terry.....	753	
Blanks	817	
Others.....	5	2288
Barbara S. Murray declared elected		
Janice M. Terry declared elected		

Planning Board for Five Years

Heidi J. Swist.....	805	
Blanks	336	
Others.....	3	1144
Heidi J. Swist declared elected.....		

Public Library Trustee for Three Years

Ronald J. O'Connor.....	795	
Blanks	344	
Others.....	5	1144
Ronald J. O'Connor declared elected		

Playground Commissioner for Three Years

Maryanne Watson.....	92	
Paul Pacheco.....	84	
Robert Woods	5	
John Stigh	5	
Blanks	859	
Others.....	99	1144
Maryanne Watson declared elected		

Sewer Commissioner for Three Years

Gregory F. Olsen	830	
Blanks	310	
Others.....	4	1144
Gregory F. Olsen declared elected		

Housing Authority for Five Years

Roberta M. Perry	821	
Blanks	312	
Others.....	11	1144
Roberta M. Perry declared elected		

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

On September 16, 2008, the State Primary was held at the Dighton Elementary School. The polls were opened at 7:00 AM and closed at 8:00 PM. Three Hundred Twenty Two votes were cast: Two Hundred Ninety Three for the Democratic Party, Twenty Nine for the Republican Party, Zero for the Green-Rainbow Party and Zero for the Working Families Party. The Election Officers were, Elaine Varley, Honorary Warden, Joan Ready, Warden and Roberta Perry, Clerk. Checkers were Eleanor Boegler, Dolores Barboza, Teri Carpenter, Beverly Chaloux, Florinda Perry, Mary Perry, Barbara Pierce, Libby Silvia, and Barbara Simmons. The result was declared as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry	186	
Edward J. O'Reilly	103	
Blanks	4	
Write-Ins	0	293

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Barney Frank	238	
Blanks	52	
Write-Ins	3	293

COUNCILLOR

Carole A. Fiola	219	
Oliver P. Cipollini, Jr.	43	
Blanks	31	
Write-Ins	0	293

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Marc R. Pacheco	234	
Blanks	53	
Write-Ins	6	293

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Patricia A. Haddad	245	
Blanks	47	
Write-Ins	1	293

REGISTER OF PROBATE

John G. DeJesus	86	
David J. Dennis	37	
Gina L. DeRossi	67	
John C. O'Neil	81	
Blanks	20	
Write-Ins	2	293

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Barry J. Amaral	233	
Blanks	60	
Write-Ins	0	293

COUNTY TREASURER

Kevin J. Finnerty	225	
Blanks	68	
Write-Ins.....	0	293

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Christopher T. Saunders.....	145	
Paul B. Kitchen	166	
Blanks	275	
Write-Ins.....	0	586

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Jeffrey K. Beatty	26	
Blanks	3	
Write-Ins.....	0	29

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Earl H. Sholley	26	
Blanks	3	
Write-Ins.....	0	29

COUNCILLOR

Blanks	23	
Write-Ins.....	6	29

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	24	
Write-Ins.....	5	29

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	25	
Write-Ins.....	4	29

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Robert C. Heroux	24	
Blanks	5	
Write-Ins.....	0	29

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Blanks	26	
Write-Ins.....	3	29

COUNTY TREASURER

Blanks	25	
Write-Ins.....	4	29

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Blanks	53	
Write-Ins.....	5	58

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

There were no Candidates and Zero Blanks and Zero Write-Ins each for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
COUNCILLOR
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
REGISTER OF PROBATE
REGISTER OF DEEDS
COUNTY TREASURER
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

WORKING FAMILIES PARTY

There were no Candidates and Zero Blanks and Zero Write-Ins each for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
COUNCILLOR
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
REGISTER OF PROBATE
REGISTER OF DEEDS
COUNTY TREASURER
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

On November 4, 2008, the State Election was held at the Dighton Elementary School. The polls were opened at 7:00 AM and closed at 8:00 PM. Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight votes were cast. The Election Officers were, Elaine Varley, Honorary Warden, Joan Ready, Warden and Roberta Perry, Clerk. Checkers were Dolores Barboza, Carol Beauregard, Eleanor Boegler, Teri Carpenter, Beverly Chaloux, Frank Crisafulli, Florinda Perry, Mary Perry, Barbara Pierce, Dana Roderick, Libby Silvia, Barbara Simmons, Pauline Smith, Alice Souza and Ashlee Waller. The result was declared as follows:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Baldwin and Castle.....	11	
Barr and Root	19	
McCain and Palin	1719	
McKinney and Clemente.....	3	
Nader and Gonzalez	59	
Obama and Biden	1732	
Write-Ins	32	
Blanks	23	3598

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry	2076	
Jeffrey K. Beatty.....	1253	
Robert J. Underwood.....	149	
Write-Ins	6	
Blanks	114	3598

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOURTH DISTRICT

Barney Frank	1954	
Earl Henry Sholley	1169	
Susan Allen.....	312	
Write-Ins	7	
Blanks	156	3598

COUNCILLOR FIRST DISTRICT

Carole A. Fiola	2433	
Write-Ins	36	
Blanks	1129	3598

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT FIRST PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT

Marc R. Pacheco.....	2746	
Write-Ins	41	
Blanks	811	3598

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
FIFTH BRISTOL DISTRICT

Patricia A. Haddad	2628	
Write-Ins	26	
Blanks	944	3598

REGISTER OF PROBATE
BRISTOL COUNTY

Gina L. DeRossi	1482	
Robert C. Heroux.....	1410	
Roy D. Santos.....	220	
Write-Ins	10	
Blanks	476	3598

COUNTY TREASURER
BRISTOL COUNTY

Kevin J. Finnerty	2413	
Write-Ins	26	
Blanks	1159	3598

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
BRISTOL COUNTY

Christopher T. Saunders.....	1444	
Paul B. Kitchen.....	1081	
Gregory DeMelo.....	773	
Write-Ins	17	
Blanks	3881	7196

REGISTER OF DEEDS
BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT

Barry J. Amaral	2590	
Write-Ins	24	
Blanks	984	3598

QUESTION #1

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of “S corporations” as defined under federal tax law.

The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in state income tax laws.

Yes	1060	
No	2459	
Blanks	79	3598

QUESTION #2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

A **YES VOTE** would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

A *NO VOTE* would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

Yes	2065	
No	1457	
Blanks	76	3598

QUESTION #3

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission’s administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state’s General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A *YES VOTE* would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

A *NO VOTE* would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

Yes	1161	
No	2358	
Blanks	79	3598

ATTEST: _____
Susana Medeiros
Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

FEBRUARY 5, 2008

On February 5, 2008, the Presidential Primary was held at the Dighton Elementary School. The polls opened at 7:00AM and closed at 8:00PM. One thousand six hundred sixty-seven ballots were cast as follows: One thousand seventy-two for the Democratic Party, Five hundred ninety-five for the Republican Party. No ballots cast for the Working Families and the Green-Rainbow Party. The Election Officers were Elaine Varley, Honorary Warden; Joan Ready, Warden; Roberta Perry, Clerk. Checkers were Dolores Barboza, Eleanor Boegler, Teri Carpenter, Beverly Chaloux, Helen Compos, Florida Perry, Mary Perry, Barbara Pierce, Libby Silvia, Barbara Simmons, Alice Souza, and Elizabeth Spratt. The result was declared as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

John R. Edwards.....	20	
Hillary Clinton.....	718	
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.....	2	
Christopher J. Dodd	3	
Mike Gravel.....	1	
Barack Obama	313	
Dennis J. Kucinich	3	
Bill Richardson.....	0	
No Preference.....	5	
Write-In – John McCain.....	3	
Write-In – Mitt Romney.....	2	
Blank.....	2	1072

STATE COMMITTEE MAN, First Plymouth & Bristol

Marc R. Pacheco	875	
All Others	6	
Blank.....	191	1072

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN, First Plymouth & Bristol

Mary Wasylyk	770	
All Others	2	
Blank.....	300	1072

TOWN COMMITTEE

Group.....	487	
Paul A. Urban	593	
Jason Urban	550	
Shawn Paul Urban.....	562	
All Others	15	
Blank.....	9000	10,720

REPUBLICAN PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

John McCain.....	272	
Fred Thompson	1	
Tom Tancredo	0	
Duncan Hunter	1	
Mike Huckabee	44	
Mitt Romney.....	255	
Ron Paul	13	
Rudy Giuliani	4	
No Preference.....	4	
All Others	0	
Blank.....	1	595

STATE COMMITTEE MAN, First Plymouth & Bristol

William L. Nickerson.....	314	
All Others	2	
Blank.....	279	595

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN, First Plymouth & Bristol

All Others	53	
Blank.....	542	595

TOWN COMMITTEE

All Others	5	
Blank.....	5945	5950

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Jared Ball.....	0	
Ralph Nader.....	0	
Elaine Brown.....	0	
Kat Swift.....	0	
Cynthia McKinney	0	
Kent Mesplay	0	
No Preference.....	0	
Blank.....	0	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN, First Plymouth & Bristol

Blank.....	0	0
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STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN, First Plymouth & Bristol

Blank.....	0	0
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TOWN COMMITTEE

Blank.....	0	0
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WORKING FAMILIES

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

No Preference0 0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN, First Plymouth & Bristol

Blank.....0 0

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN, First Plymouth & Bristol

Blank.....0 0

TOWN COMMITTEE

Blank.....0 0

ATTEST: _____
 Town Clerk

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 27, 2008

The Annual Town Meeting duly called and held at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School on May 27, 2008, was called to order at 7:10PM by William McKeon, Jr., Moderator. Salute to the flag was given. Checkers were Mary Hathaway, Roberta Perry, Mary Perry, Joan Ready, and Alice Souza. Total attendance was 145.

Moderator, William McKeon, Jr., welcomed everyone and explained that non-registered voters attending the Annual Town Meeting are not allowed to vote. He explained that the motions would be read and they are referenced to the warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Thomas Pires dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Thomas Pires to dispense with the reading of the Articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Thomas Pires to consider adjournment at 11:00 P. M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: On motion of Thomas Pires to hear a report of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and a statement of the Board of Assessors, and the School Committee regarding tonight's warrant and that the reports of the Town Officials as printed and published in the Annual Town Report Book are accepted.

Edward Reese, Secretary, Board of Selectmen read a statement prepared by Thomas Pires, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen who stated that the FY09 budget represents no reductions that would adversely affect any town services such as those experienced by many surrounding communities that have presented voters with Prop.2½ overrides to maintain operations. Revenue from new growth has declined from \$478,000.00 in FY2004 to \$248,693.00 in FY2008 and is projected to be \$175,000.00 for FY09. In spite of a troubled economy, the town was able to prepare a budget within the levy limit due to the hard work and cooperation of all departments with the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen. In the current fiscal year that ends on June 30, 2008, much needed repairs, replacements, and upgrades were completed. Several committees recently submitted reports and recommendations including the land use committee, the affordable housing committee, and the by-law committee. In an effort to increase public input in town government the Board has begun to hold "public forum meetings on the second Tuesday of each even numbered month. The Board of Selectmen encourages town residents to participate in these meetings, get involved, and serve on a committee. The Board of Selectmen expects the bid to replace the Berkley-Dighton Bridge and reconstruction of Center Street to be advertised shortly. Mr. Pires thanked all town employees, volunteers and the citizens of the town for making Dighton the progressive, hard-working community that we proudly call home.

Edward Swartz, Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that the Finance Committee met on numerous occasions with Department Heads to review budget. FY09's budget is an increase of \$298,000.00 from FY 2008's budget. This is an increase of 2%, with a FY 2009 budget that does not require a 2½% override. The Finance Committee will make their recommendations as each article is read. Mr. Swartz acknowledged the three members of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District who will be retiring at the end of this fiscal year. He wished Pauline Larue, District Treasurer, Paul Martin, Business Manager, and Dr. Francis Connor, School Superintendent in supporting our children and the Finance Committee.

Board of Assessors Chairman, Carol Beauregard stated that the Board of Assessors had no report at this time.

School Superintendent, Dr. Francis J. Connor stated that this would be his last town meeting before his retirement. He thanked all the Department heads and committees for their continued support. Dr. Connor also stated that there would be a minimal increase to the FY09 assessment. He praised the students for all their achievements including the high MCAS scores. He asked for support from the voters for Article 18 regarding the new septic system for the high school.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: On motion of Thomas Pires that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

ARTICLE 3. NO MOTION: On motion of Thomas Pires to hear the report of the Five-Year Capital Outlay Committee. No report.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz that the salaries of elected Town Officials as appropriated within department Accounts be established for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Chairman	\$ 55,036.66	
Members (2)	\$ 4,287.58	
each	\$ 8,575.16	Total

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chairman	\$ 8,029.66
Member	\$ 8,029.67
Member	\$ 8,029.67

TREE WARDEN \$ 206.00

MODERATOR \$ 466.00

TOWN CLERK \$ 19,036.80

TOWN COLLECTOR \$ 19,036.29

TOWN TREASURER \$ 19,036.29

PLANNING BOARD

Chairman	\$ 2,479.33	
Members (4)	\$ 1,653.48	
each	\$ 6,613.92	Total

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

Members (3)	\$ 500.00	
Each	\$ 1,500.00	Total

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate and or transfer monies by account for the FY ending June 30, 2009.

**ARTICLES UNDER ARTICLE 5
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 27, 2008**

01-113 TOWN MEETING

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Personnel Services of the Town Meeting Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-114 MODERATOR

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$ 466.00 for the Personnel Services of the Moderator Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$73,836.00 for the Personnel Services and \$42,900.00 for the expenses of the Board of Selectmen Account. Of this amount \$100.00 to be set aside for the out of state travel.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-131 FINANCE COMMITTEE

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,972.50 for the Personnel Services and \$1,500.00 for the expenses of the Finance Committee Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-132 RESERVE FUND

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Expenses of the Reserve Fund.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-135 ACCOUNTANT

VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$76,060.00 for the Personnel Services and \$5,010.00 for the expenses of the Accountant Account.

VOTED: Amended by Richard Hegeman from \$76,060.00 to \$65,300.00 for the Personnel Services

Amended motion not recommended by the Finance Committee

01-141 ASSESSORS

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$106,080.25 for the Personnel Services and \$11,150.00 for the expenses of the Assessors Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-145 TREASURER

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$48,794.62 for the Personnel Services and \$15,450.00 for the expenses of the Treasurer Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-146 COLLECTOR

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$50,114.62 for the Personnel Services and \$13,512.00 for the expenses of the Collector Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-151 LAW (TOWN COUNSEL)

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$35,000.00 for the Expenses of the Law (Town Counsel) Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-155 DATA PROCESSING

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$22,480.00 for the Expenses of the Data Processing Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-158 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for the Expenses of the Tax Title Foreclosure Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-161 TOWN CLERK

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$50,260.14 for the Personnel Services and \$1,790.00 for the expenses of the Town Clerk Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-162 ELECTIONS

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,800.00 for the Personnel Services and \$8,400.00 for the expenses of the Election Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-163 REGISTRATION

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$600.00 for the Personnel Services and \$2,600.00 for the expenses of the Registration Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$ 976.00 for the Expenses of the Conservation Commission Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-175 PLANNING BOARD

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$28,569.81 for the Personnel Services and \$8,347.45 for the expenses of the Planning Board Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-176 BOARD OF APPEALS

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$22,660.25 for the Personnel Services and \$1,990.00 for the expenses of the Board of Appeals Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-192 PUBLIC BUILDINGS

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$50,200.00 for the Expenses of the Public Buildings Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-193 BUILDING INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$29,870.00 for the Expenses of the Building Insurance Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-195 TOWN REPORTS

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 for the Expenses of the Town Report Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-210 POLICE

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$732,450.00 for the Personnel Services and \$109,050.00 for the expenses of the Police Department Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-215 COMMUNICATION CENTER

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$183,115.00 for the Personnel Services and \$5,500.00 for the expenses of the Communication Center Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-220 FIRE

VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$494,475.00 for the Personnel Services and \$112,850.00 for the expenses of the Fire Department Account.

VOTED: Amended by Richard Hegeman from \$494,475.00 to \$496,588.00 for the Personnel Services

Finance Committee Recommends

01-231 AMBULANCE SERVICES

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town transfer from the ambulance Fund \$79,200.00 for the Personnel Services and \$79,900.00 for the expenses of the Fire Department Ambulance Services.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-241 BUILDING INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$52,805.00 for the Personnel Services and \$2,200.00 for the expenses of the Building Inspector Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-242 GAS INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,400.00 for the Expenses of the Gas Inspector Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-243 PLUMBING INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,400.00 for the Expenses of the Plumbing Inspector Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-244 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$994.00 for the Personnel Services and \$0.00 for the expenses of the Weights and Measures Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for the Expenses of the Electrical Inspector Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-291 CIVIL DEFENSE

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$770.00 for the Personnel Services and \$720.00 for the expenses of the Civil Defense Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-292 DOG OFFICER

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$23,865.00 for the Expenses of the Dog Officer Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-294 FORESTRY

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$372.00 for the Personnel Services of the Forestry Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-295 HARBORMASTER

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 for the Expenses of the Harbormaster Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-300-5690 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$8,048,720.00 for the operating and capital assessments from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-300-5691 BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$15,299.00 for the Bristol County Agricultural High School operating assessment.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-422 HIGHWAY

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$314,961.00 for the Personnel Services and \$128,710.00 for the Expenses of the Highway Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-423 SNOW REMOVAL

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 for the Personnel Services and \$22,000.00 for the Expenses of the Snow Removal Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-429 DIGHTON BERKLEY BRIDGE

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$674.00 for the Personnel Services and \$150.00 for the Expenses of the Dighton-Berkley Bridge Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-433 WASTE COLLECTION DISPOSAL

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$7,859.00 for the Personnel Services and \$455,605.00 for the Expenses of the Waste Collection and Disposal Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-491 CEMETERIES

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,500.00 for the Expenses of the Cemeteries Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-510 HEALTH (REGULATIONS)

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$21,350.00 for the Personnel Services and \$29,250.00 for the Expenses of the Health (Regulation) Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-519 HEALTH (ADMINISTRATION)

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$ 7,000.00 for the Expenses of the Health (Administration) Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-529 MOSQUITO CONTROL

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the Expenses of the Mosquito Control work in accordance with C. 112, Acts of 1931, M.G.L.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-541 COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$68,501.50 for the Personnel Services and \$7,227.75 for the Expenses of the Council on Aging Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-543 VETERANS SERVICES

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$19,413.72 for the Personnel Services and \$55,341.00 for the Expenses of the Veterans Services Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-610 LIBRARY

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$119,693.00 for the Personnel Services and \$57,236.00 for the Expenses of the Library Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-630 RECREATION

VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for the Personnel Services and \$25,600.00 for the Expenses of the Recreation Account.

VOTED: Amended by Edward Swartz from \$4000.00 to \$1500.00

VOTED: Motion of Robert Woods to reconsider the amended motion of Edward Swartz of Recreation Account 01-630 to read that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for the Personnel Services and \$28,100.00 for the Expenses of the Recreation Account.

2/3 vote required. Yes – 75, No -12

Not Recommended by Finance Committee

01-690 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the Expenses of the Historical Commission Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-698 CABLE COMMISSION

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$300.00 for the Expenses of the Cable Commission Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$96,900.00 and transfer from (Account 24-330-510-3300-309-40) Septic Loan Program Funds \$7,114.00 for the Expenses of the Retirement of Debt Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-751 INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$15,931.25 for the Expenses of the Interest on Long Term Debt Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-752 INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT

NO MOTION: That the Town raise and appropriate \$0.00 for the Expenses of the Interest on Short Term Debt Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-911 RETIREMENT AND PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$427,489.00 for the Expenses of the Retirement and Pension Contributions Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-912 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$18,975.00 for the Expenses of the Workman's Compensation Insurance Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-914 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$382,000.00 for the Expenses of the Group Health Insurance Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-915 LIFE INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$700.00 for the Expenses of the Life Insurance Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-916 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 for the Expenses of the Employer Contributions for FICA and Medicare.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-920 TUITION

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the Expenses of the Tuition Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

01-945 LIABILITY INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$124,789.00 for the Expenses of the Liability Insurance Account.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 6. DEFEATED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,677.96 to pay prior year's bills.

4/5 vote required. Yes – 75, No – 30

No Recommendation by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 7. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz that the following sums be expended under the direction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners:

SALARIES:	\$ 78,384.30
EXPENSES:	\$ 205,350.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 60,000.00

The \$343,734.30 to be raised as follows:

\$216,000.00 to be raised through sewer receipts and \$127,734.30 to be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 8. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz that the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 to facilitate upgrades, renovations of all town buildings to be under the control of the Board of Selectmen.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of David Araujo that the Town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund collected by the Dighton Planning Board into which shall be paid all money collected through the sale of subdivision rules and regulations, zoning by-law booklets and zoning maps. In addition, all fees submitted to the Planning Board accompanied with Form A's, Preliminary Plans, and Definitive Plans established in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Town of Dighton Sub-Division Rules & Regulations; Said monies to be expended from said revolving fund by the Dighton Planning Board for the advertising and certified mailings of Public Hearing notices, with proposed subdivisions engineers' fees, attorney's fees, amendment changes, zoning changes, long and short term planning purposes and related research, with a cap of \$30,000.00(thirty thousand dollars), or act thereon.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the purpose of expending funds for capital improvements of local roads under the "Transportation Bond Issue" \$209,649.00, or act thereon.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 11. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Lynn Dupont that the Town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all fees collected by the Dighton Public Library for copying and printing services; said fees to be expended from said revolving account by the Trustees of the Public Library for purchase of printing/copying supplies, or take action thereon. Spending shall be capped at \$5,000.00.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Lynn Dupont that the Town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all overdue fines and monies collected by the Dighton Public Library for overdue, lost, and/or destroyed materials; said monies to be expended from said revolving account by the Trustees of the Public Library for the replacement of library materials, library programs or take any action thereon. Spending shall be capped at \$8,000.00

ARTICLE 13. VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of Nancy Goulart that the Town will vote to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the Fiscal year 2008 Highway program under Chapter 90, and the Town road improvement program, or act thereon.

Motion amended by Nancy Goulart from Fiscal Year 2008 to read Fiscal Year 2009.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 14. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds in the Treasury \$27,000.00 to perform an audit for FY 09, or act thereon.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 15. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion Edward Reese that the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, to dispose of used materials returned to them, by sale at Public Auction, or act thereon.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town will vote to transfer \$75,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund and to instruct the Assessors to use that sum of money for the reduction of taxes.

2/3 vote required. Yes – 107 No -1

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 17. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Alice Souza that the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all fees, gifts, and donations received by the Dighton Council on Aging for services rendered by “PRIME TIME” (Adult Day Supportive Care). Said fees to be expended from said revolving account by the Council on Aging Board for the purpose of running the program or take any action thereon. Spending shall be capped at \$110,215.40.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 18. VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that \$1,200,000.00 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction of a septic system at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; that to meet this appropriation the District Treasurer with the approval of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee is authorized to borrow up to \$1,200,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under (Chapter 44 of the General Laws or insert reference to other applicable general or special law governing the issuance of local bonds) and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District unless the District Treasurer with the approval of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78: that the District Treasurer with the approval of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the (Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee, Board of Public Works or other appropriate local body or official) is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 19. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Antone Roderick, Jr. that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 as the (2nd) year payment of a (7) year lease program for computer software for Emergency Dispatch, Fire and Police, or act thereon.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 20. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Antone Roderick, Jr. that the town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$28,000.00 as a fifth (5th) year payment on the Ambulance of a (5) five year lease program, or act thereon.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 21. VOTED: On motion of Antone Roderick, Jr. that the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$100,000.00 to purchase a new Emergency Rescue/Pumper for the use of the Dighton Fire Department with equipment and accessories as per the specifications of the Chief of the Fire Department.

No Recommendation by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 22. VOTED: On motion of David Araujo to table Article 22.
2/3 vote required YES – 89, NO - 15

NO MOTION: Motion to see if the Town, under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 48, s. 56, will vote to allow the Chief of the Fire Department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to establish the hours of labor for members of its fire department and, such regularly scheduled hours shall not, in the best interest of public safety and efficiency of services, involve any shift schedule involving more than fourteen (14) hours, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to sell at public auction all properties, which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

ARTICLE 24. VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of David Araujo that the Town will vote to accept a portion of town roads known as Esterbrook Avenue and Marion Avenue, as described below or take any other action relative thereto.

Amended by David Araujo to include legal description of the article as written.

David Araujo stated that the Planning Board recommends passage

The land situated off of Elm Street, Town of Dighton, Country of Bristol, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a proposed bound on the northerly side of Esterbrook Avenue at the southeasterly corner of the herein described I.A. #1, as shown on plan entitled "Definitive Plan Submission for 'Richmond Hill Estates' in Dighton, Massachusetts" Lot Layout Plans 1 and 2, Scale 1"=40', Sheet Nos. 4 and 5 of 26, Date: 10/17/00, latest revision 9/5/01, said point being the point and place of beginning;

Thence running N67°51'12"W along the northerly side of Esterbrook Avenue for a distance of twenty and 24/100 feet (20.24') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running N13°23'20"E for a distance of fifty-two and 14/100 feet (52.14') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running N74°53'51"W for a distance of twenty-one and twenty-one to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running N15°06'09"E for a distance of ninety-eight and 53/100 feet (98.53') to a proposed bound at a corner;

The last three courses are bounded by Lot 18;

Thence running S72°37'00"E for a distance of forty-nine and 54/100 feet (49.54') bounded northerly by Lot 15 to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running S15°06'09"W for a distance of ninety-six and 56/100 feet (96.56') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running N74°53'51"W for a distance of eight and 28/100 feet (8.28') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running S13°23'20"W for a distance of fifty-four and 62/100 feet (54.62') to the point and place of beginning.

The last three courses are bounded by Lot 19.

The above-described area comprises D.A. #3 and contains 5,896 square feet of land.

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Marion Avenue, at the northeasterly corner of the herein described Drainage Easement, as shown on plan entitled "Definitive Plan Submission for 'Richmond Hill Estates' in Dighton, Massachusetts" Lot Layout Plans 1 and 2, Scale 1"=40', Sheet Nos. 4 and 5 of 26, Date: 10/17/00, latest revision 9/5/01, said point being the point and place of beginning;

Thence running S26°06'53"W for a distance of one hundred ten and 58/100 feet (110.58') to a point;

Thence running S05°06'51"W for a distance of fifty-eight and 20/100 feet (58.20') to a corner;

The last two courses are bounded by Lot 15;

Thence running N72°37'00"W for a distance of twenty-one and 00/100 feet (21.00') bounded southerly by Lot 19 to a corner;

Thence running N00°20'21"W for a distance of twelve and 10/100 feet (12.10') to a point;

Thence running N05°06'51"W for a distance of sixty-two and 90/100 feet (62.90') to a point;

Thence running N26°06'53"E for a distance of one hundred eight and 80/100 feet (108.80') to a point on the southerly side of Marion Avenue at a corner;

The last three courses are bounded by Lot 15;

Thence running S80°16'20"E along the southerly side of Marion Avenue for a distance of twenty-one and 00/100 feet (21.00') to the point and place of beginning.

The above-described area comprises a Drainage Easement on Lot 15 and contains 5,895 square feet of land.

Beginning at a concrete bound set at the northwesterly corner of Lot 7 at the northwesterly corner of the herein described Drainage Easement, as shown on plan entitled "Roadway As-Build for Richmond Hill Estates" in Dighton, Massachusetts, Plan & Profile – 3, Scale 1"=40', Sheet No. 3 of 4, Dated 10/10/05, prepared by Commonwealth Engineers & Consultants, Inc., said point being the point and place of beginning;

Thence running S78°34'15"E along the northerly property line of Lot 7 for a distance of ninety-seven and 96/100 feet (97.96') to a corner;

Thence running S10°41'25"E for a distance of fourteen and 16/100 feet (14.16') to a point;

Thence running S04°11'48"W for a distance of six and 94/100 feet to a corner;

The previous two courses running along the westerly edge of a flagged wetland interior to Lot 7;

Thence running N78°34'15"W across Lot 7 for a distance of one hundred eight and 43/100 feet (108.43') to a corner;

Thence running N23°27'41"E along the westerly property line of Lot 7 for a distance of twenty and 45/100 feet (20.45') to a concrete bound at the point and place of beginning.

The above-described area comprises a Drainage Easement interior to Lot 7 and contains 2,076.57 square feet (0.05± Ac) of land.

Beginning at a concrete bound set at the northwesterly corner of Lot 19 at the northwesterly corner of the herein described Drainage Easement, as shown on plan entitled "Roadway As-Build for Richmond Hill Estates" in Dighton, Massachusetts, Plan & Profile – 1, Scale 1"=40', Sheet No. 1 of 4, Dated 10/10/05, prepared by Commonwealth Engineers & Consultants, Inc., said point being the point and place of beginning;

Thence running S72°37'00"E along the northerly property line of Lot 19 for a distance of three hundred fourteen and 45/100 feet (314.45') to a corner;

Thence running S09°43'40"W along the easterly property line of Lot 19 for a distance of twenty and 18/100 feet (20.18') to a corner;

Thence running N72°37'00"W across Lot 19 for a distance of three hundred sixteen and 34/100 feet (316.34') to a corner;

Thence running N15°06'09"E along the westerly property line of Lot 19 for a distance of twenty and 02/100 feet (20.02') to a concrete bound at the point and place of beginning.

The above-described area comprises a Drainage Easement interior to Lot 19 and contains 6,307.93 square feet (0.14± Ac) of land.

Beginning at a point at the northeasterly corner of Lot 23, as shown on plan entitled "Definitive Plan Submission for 'Richmond Hill Estates' in Dighton, Massachusetts" Lot Layout Plans 1 and 2, Scale 1"=40', Sheet Nos. 4 and 5 of 26, Date: 10/17/00, latest revision 9/5/01, said point being the point and place of beginning;

Thence running N80°00'40"W for a distance of forty-six and 57/100 feet (46.57') to a proposed bound at a point of curvature;

Thence running northwesterly along the arc of a curve having a delta of 12°09'28", a radius of 310.00' and a length of 65.78' to a proposed bound at a point of tangency;

Thence running N67°51'12"W for a distance of three hundred thirteen and 42/100 feet (313.42') to a point;

The last three courses are bounded southerly by Lot 23;

Thence continuing $N67^{\circ}51'12''W$ for a distance of fifty-one and 00/100 feet (51.00') to a proposed bound at a point of curvature;

Thence running northwesterly along the arc of a curve having a delta of $11^{\circ}21'57''$, a radius of 270.00' and a length of 53.56' to a proposed bound at a point of tangency;

The last two courses are bounded southerly by Lot 22

Thence running $N79^{\circ}13'09''W$ for a distance of six hundred ten and 77/100 feet (610.77') bounded southerly partially by Lot 22, Lot 21 and Lot 20, to a proposed bound at a point of curvature;

Thence running northwesterly along the arc of a curve having a delta of $79^{\circ}58'52''$, a radius of 310.00' and a length of 432.74' bounded southwesterly partially by Lot 20 and Lot 10, to a proposed bound at a point of tangency;

Thence running $N00^{\circ}45'43''E$ for a distance of seventy-four and 29/100 feet (74.29') bounded westerly partially by Lot 10 and Lot 9 to a proposed bound at a point of curvature;

Thence running northwesterly along the arc of a curve having a delta of $92^{\circ}46'21''$, a radius of 17.00' and a length of 27.53' bounded southwesterly by said Lot 9 to a proposed bound on the southerly side of Marion Avenue at a corner;

Thence running easterly along the southerly side of Marion Avenue along the arc of a curve having a delta of $05^{\circ}32'39''$, a radius of 782.00' and a length of 75.67' to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running southwesterly along the arc of a curve having a delta of $92^{\circ}46'19''$, a radius of 17.00' and a length of 27.53' to a proposed bound at a point of tangency;

Thence running $S00^{\circ}45'43''W$ for a distance of seventy-four and 29/100 feet (74.29') to a proposed bound at a point of curvature;

Thence running southeasterly along the arc of a curve having a delta of $79^{\circ}58'53''$, a radius of 270.00', and a length of 376.90' to a proposed bound at a point of tangency;

The last four courses are bounded by Lot 11 and partially by Lot 16;

Thence running $S79^{\circ}13'09''E$ for a distance of six hundred ten and 77/100 feet (610.77') bounded northerly partially by Lot 16, Lot 17 and Lot 18, to a proposed bound at a point of curvature;

Thence running southeasterly along the arc of a curve having a delta of $11^{\circ}12'57''$, a radius of 310.00' and a length of 61.49' bounded northerly by said Lot 18 to a proposed bound at a point of tangency;

Thence running $S67^{\circ}51'12''E$ for a distance of one hundred twelve and 20/100 feet (112.20') bounded northerly by said Lot 18 to a proposed bound;

Thence continuing $S67^{\circ}51'12''E$ for a distance of twenty and 24/100 feet (20.24') bounded northerly by D.A.#3 to a proposed bound;

Thence continuing $S67^{\circ}51'12''E$ for a distance of two hundred thirty-four and 51/100 feet (234.51') to a proposed bound at a point of curvature;

Thence running easterly along the arc of a curve having a delta of $12^{\circ}09'28''$, a radius of 270.00' and a length of 57.29' to a proposed bound at a point of tangency;

Thence running $S80^{\circ}00'40''E$ for a distance of forty-six and 57/100 feet (46.57') to a corner;

The last three courses are bounded northerly by Lot 19;

Thence running $S09^{\circ}59'20''W$ for a distance of forty and 00/100 feet (40.00') to the point and place of beginning.

The above-described area comprises Esterbrook Avenue and contains 65,747 square feet of land.

Beginning at a proposed bound on the northerly side of Marion Avenue at the southeasterly corner of the herein described I.A. #1, as shown on plan entitled "Definitive Plan Submission for 'Richmond Hill Estates' in Dighton, Massachusetts" Lot Layout Plans 1 and 2, Scale 1"=40', Sheet Nos. 4 and 5 of 26, Date: 10/17/00, latest revision 9/5/01, said point being the point and place of beginning;

Thence running $N80^{\circ}16'20''W$ along the northerly side of Marion Avenue for a distance of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running $N10^{\circ}56'18''E$ for a distance of sixteen and 65/100 feet (16.65') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running $N79^{\circ}13'24''W$ for a distance of nineteen and 00/100 feet (19.00') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running $N10^{\circ}56'18''E$ for a distance of one hundred thirteen and 43/100 feet (113.43') to a proposed bound;

Thence running $N15^{\circ}21'39''$ for distance of eighty-seven and 60/100 feet (87.60') to a proposed bound at a corner;

The last four courses are bounded by Lot 6;

Thence running $S79^{\circ}19'08''E$ for a distance of thirty-six and 61/100 feet (36.61') to a drill hole;

Thence running $S78^{\circ}34'15''E$ for a distance of forty-nine and 44/100 feet (49.44') to a proposed bound at a corner;

The last two courses are bounded by land now or formerly of Zeneca Inc.;

Thence running $S22^{\circ}27'01''E$ for a distance of two hundred seven and 44/100 feet (207.44') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running $S53^{\circ}41'56''W$ for a distance of nineteen and 41/100 feet (19.41') to the point and place of beginning.

The last two courses are bounded by Lot 7.

The above-described area comprises I.A. #1 and contains 14,689 square feet of land.

Beginning at a proposed bound at the southwesterly corner of the herein described I.A. #2, as shown on plan entitled "Definitive Plan Submission for 'Richmond Hill Estates' in Dighton, Massachusetts" Lot Layout Plans 1 and 2, Scale 1"=40', Sheet Nos. 4 and 5 of 26, Date: 10/17/00, latest revision 9/5/01, said point being the point and place of beginning;

Thence running N26°55'07"E for a distance of two hundred fifty-three and 18/100 feet (253.00') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running S79°02'53"E for a distance of one hundred two and 73/100 feet (102.73') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running S26°55'07"W for a distance of two hundred forty-one and 69/100 feet (241.69') to a proposed bound at a corner;

Thence running S89°06'53"W for a distance of nineteen and 46/100 feet (19.46') to a proposed bound on the northerly side of Marion Avenue;

The last four courses are bounded by Lot 1;

Thence running southwesterly along the northerly side of Marion Avenue along the arc of a curve having a delta of 21°37'16", a radius of 53.00', and a length of 20.00' to a point;

Thence running N80°35'43"W for a distance of sixty-seven and 69/100 feet (67.69') bounded southerly by Lot 8, to the point and place of beginning.

The above-described area comprises I.A. #2 and contains 24,690 square feet of land. It and 47/100 feet (258.47') bounded northerly partially by said Lot 5 and partially by Lot 6 to a proposed bound at a point of curvature;

Thence running easterly along the arc of a curve having a delta of 12°25'08", a radius of 270.00' and a length of 58.52' bounded northerly by said Lot 6 to a proposed bound at a point of tangency;

Thence running S80°16'20"W for a distance of three hundred thirty-seven and 63/100 feet (337.63') bounded northerly partially by said Lot 6, IA#1, and Lot 7, to the point and place of beginning.

The above-described area comprises Marion Avenue and contains 82,574 square feet of land.

ARTICLE 25. NO MOTION: Motion to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish employment benefits such as sick leave, vacation, personal leave, bereavement leave, longevity, and other benefits provided to full time employees for any full time position that is created when one person is elected to two or more positions, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. VOTED: On motion of Nancy Goulart that the Town will vote to accept Parcel A containing 8.58 acres on a plan entitled: "PLAN SHOWING LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO THE TOWN OF DIGHTON, MA. BY ST. MARK'S LLC PREPARED BY EARTH SERVICES CORPORATION 198 Crane Ave. South Taunton MA 02780 March 3, 2006 Scale: As Shown";

said land being located between Milk and Elm Streets that will include a permanent Access Easement by foot and motor vehicle onto, over and across a certain parcel of land located on the easterly side of Milk Street as described in the Grant of Access Easement; said land being of good quality, high and dry.

ARTICLE 27. DEFEATED AS AMENDED: On motion of Karen O'Connor that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to purchase a large sign of such nature that lettering could be placed thereon, such sign to also have a protective covering to prevent wind and storm damage to messages thereon.

Amended by Karen O'Connor from raise and appropriate and/or transfer to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00.

Finance Committee Does Not Recommend

ARTICLE 28. NO MOTION : Motion to see if the Town will vote to purchase a large sign of such nature that lettering could be placed thereon, to be situated on Dighton Town Hall property where it may be seen clearly from Route 138, for the purpose of announcing Town Meetings, events, etc. The signboard would be of such nature that protective covering could be placed over the lettering to prevent wind and storm damage to the messages thereon.

ARTICLE 29. NO MOTION: Motion to see if the Town will vote to establish a rule relative to all Town Meetings that once an article has been voted on at any Town Meeting, that same article may not be brought up of reconsideration at the same meeting.

ARTICLE 30. DEFEATED: On motion of Karen O'Connor that the Town will vote to establish a rule that the wage rates and/or salaries of all Town department employees be individually listed in the Annual Town Report.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: At 11:05 p.m. there was a motion by Robert Woods to reconsider adjournment at 11:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 31. DEFEATED: On motion of Tom Cartin to table Article 31

2/3 vote required YES – 55, NO -49

VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of Jillian Courcy that the Town will vote to make a leash law for the dogs in the Town of Dighton. If dog is off Dighton resident's property, they must be on a leash. Dighton Resident Dog owner are responsible for controlling their dog(s) at all times. Violations to the said law would result in further legal action set by the town residents.

Amended by Jillian Courcy from dogs to domestic animals.

VOTED AS AMENDED: Amended by Robert Woods for article to read that no person owning or keeping a dog shall permit it to defecate within the boundaries of any municipality owned playground, park or open space to which the public has access unless expressly permitted in specially designated areas. No person owning or keeping a dog shall permit it to defecate upon any street or sidewalk provided, however that defecation will not be in violation of this subsection if removed immediately thereafter.

VOTED TO WITHDRAW: Motion by Jillian Courcy to withdraw amended article 31.

VOTED TO WITHDRAW: Motion by Robert Wood to withdraw amended article 31.

The Moderator appointed the following members of the Finance Committee for FY 2009:

William Copeland, 777 Spring Street, No. Dighton, MA 02764
Richard Kowalski, 1577 Berube Drive, No. Dighton, MA 02764
Paul Pacheco, 767 Williams Street, No. Dighton, MA 02764
Kevin Perry, 741 Council Oak Way, Dighton, MA 02715
Edward Swartz, 225 Country Hill Drive, No. Dighton, MA 02764
Wallace Wood, 1932 Pine Street, Dighton, MA 02715

VOTED: On motion of Tom Cartin to dissolve meeting at 11:20PM.

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To The Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The year, 2008, began and ended with bridge projects. The land taking and easements for the reconstruction of Center Street and the replacement of the Berkley Dighton Bridge were completed. Progress was made to secure land for reconstruction of Old Somerset Avenue and replacement of the bridge over the Three Mile River between Dighton and Taunton. The town approved a new Stormwater Bylaw and filed it along with stormwater regulations and an updated five-year plan with the Environmental Protection Agency. Many thanks to the elementary and middle school principals, the Highway Department, the Planning Board, the Bylaw Committee, and the Conservation Commission for their assistance.

The committee appointed to study the need and to develop a plan for affordable housing completed its work and the plan was filed with the Department of Housing and Community Development. We wish to acknowledge the contributions of the late Paul Urban for his work on the affordable housing plan and extend to his family, our sincere sympathy. The Bylaws Committee continued working on revisions and met with the selectmen to review recommended changes. The Town Owned Land Committee completed its work and filed an updated list with recommendations for each parcel with the board. Several public meetings were held. The board will act on the recommendations in early 2009.

Some of the events that took place during 2008 included several informational meetings to discuss topics of concern and to answer questions from residents; Dighton Day for which we express our thanks to Peter Caron; training and meetings regarding the Community Preservation Act; meetings to discuss the Priority Preservation Areas in town; and the acceptance of a gift of land from the Community Church for a Veteran's Cemetery for Dighton residents. A defibrillator was purchased with funds from the Power Plant Gift Account and training in CPR and use of the defibrillator was provided to town employees by the fire department. The Prime Time building was connected to the town's sewer line and that finally resolved a long-standing problem. Thank you to the Lion's Club for the work at the pavilion and the arts program in the fall. The festival enabled many children from Dighton and Rehoboth to express their creativity and experience the fun of music and the arts.

Thank you to the Dighton Garden Club for taking care of and planting such beautiful arrangements in the garden in front of town hall and for providing the winter arrangement. Another thank you is extended to the Light's On Committee and the Highway Department employees for another enjoyable program that kicked off the holiday season.

The town continued moving forward with plans for its 300th Anniversary in 2012. Volunteers are needed to help with this great celebration. The board met several times with the Sewer Commissioners and representatives from the Bristol County Agricultural High School to discuss the extension of the sewer line east on Center Street to accommodate the needs of the school. Nancy Goulart attended the budget meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners where bonding for the project was discussed. The board attended meetings in Rehoboth and at the regional high school to discuss options that led to the approval of replacing the sewage treatment plant at the high school with a Title V system. We appreciate the work of Joseph Pacheco, our Title V inspector, and Robert Ashton from Rehoboth, and thank them for their assistance with this project. The board accepted the gift of a ladder truck for the fire department that was donated by Bulldog Fire Apparatus.

Thank you to BG Dighton Power for its continued support and assistance with many programs and services for our citizens and civic organizations. Please see the Report of the Town Accountant, Special Revenues, Gifts and Donations Account, for more detail on expenditures from the Power Plant Gift Account.

We wish to express our appreciation to Annette Wertz and Paul DeMoura and wish them well in retirement. To Richard Hegeman, thanks Richard for your contributions as a member of the Board of Selectmen. We extend our thanks to all members of the management team, employees, committees, boards, elected and appointed officials, Attorneys David Gay, Marguerite Mitchell, and Albert Mason, volunteers, and townspeople for their continued assistance and support during the past year. We encourage residents to take an active role in town government by voting, attending town meetings and meetings of the various board and committees, and by volunteering to work on committees. Also, please take part in the many activities and organizations in town that provide services, opportunities, and support for residents.

The board responds to all calls, investigates all complaints, and tries its best to be responsive to the concerns of residents. Please continue to contact us when you have questions or complaints. Once again, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Pires, Chairman
Edward D. Reese, Sr., Clerk
Nancy J. Goulart, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

As of January 24, 2009, the total population was 7,388. There were 4,501 voters of which 1,236 were Democrats, 566 were Republicans, 2,658 were Unenrolled (no party affiliation), 19 were Libertarians, 13 Working Families, and 9 were of other designations. The General By-Laws of the Town of Dighton states that the annual meeting of the Town for the election of Town officers shall be held on the first Tuesday of April each year. The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

The official website of the Town established on January 1, 2004, continues to be an ongoing success. Many town residents have taken advantage of the website and have been better informed of what is happening in town government. I encourage all residents to visit our website at www.dighton-ma.gov. I would like to remind all residents that real estate tax bills are paid quarterly and that you need to retain the second payment coupons for your next payment. Many taxpayers have commented that they are taking advantage of paying their tax bills through the website.

As your Town Clerk, I have been privileged to meet with many of the residents and I am very thankful for their continued support. I am truly thankful for the complete cooperation and dedication of my staff. Pam, Mary, and Helen are totally dedicated to their job duties and it shows in all their accomplishments within the last year. The year 2008 was an extremely busy year for the Clerk's office with the many elections including the Presidential election. The turnout and the total number of new voter registration were amazing and the total process wouldn't have been a total success without my Assistant Town Clerk, Pam Waller going above and beyond. Pam continues to be an asset to our busy office. I would also like to wish Mary Hathaway, our new Treasurer/Collector much success as she undertakes her new duties. Mary always went above and beyond as the town's Assistant Treasurer/Collector and the town is indeed fortunate that she has stepped into her new role. I am always available to Mary and all other town employees for any assistance they might require. Also, our new Assistant Treasurer/Collector Helen Kaldlec is an extremely competent town employee who has always done whatever is required to keep our busy office working efficiently. Helen will always go above and beyond to help the residents of our town with all their questions and concerns. I look forward in continuing to serve the residents of the Town of Dighton as your Town Clerk today and in the future.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Department Heads, all the Boards and Committees, and all town employees for their support and cooperation throughout the year. My sincere gratitude to the Highway Department for always being so helpful in setting up the election equipment at the Elementary school and for any special requests for services in the office. A special thank you to the staff and students at the Dighton Elementary School for their cooperation during the elections.

Most of all I am very thankful for the support of the residents of Dighton and I continue to look forward in serving the residents of the Town of Dighton with complete dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Medeiros
Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED-2008

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE
<u>January</u>		
9	Wilbur J. McCrady	82
23	Judith I. Russell	71
<u>February</u>		
2	Larry M. Allen	28
3	Joseph W. Moulding	76
6	Noel Brian McMahon	27
10	Barbara E. Tibnam	80
17	Clinton Robert Harvey	82
22	Beatrice Fasse	83
23	Agnes C. Araujo	89
27	Leonie Marie Therriault	86
29	William Perry	81
<u>March</u>		
1	Dorothy M.E. Jones	87
8	Priscilla Jane Adams	82
10	Emily Perry Vaz	80
10	Michael A. Mirka	60
14	Madeline C. Gracia	83
18	Carol A. Zucco	61
21	John F. Trefethen	92
22	Paul A. Urban	53
26	David M. Tiffany	34
<u>April</u>		
6	Robert Norman Aguiar	72
6	Richard A. Sampson	83
7	Janice H. Corr	82
9	David Junker	55
21	Blanche M. Beauregard	77
24	John M. Silva	66
<u>May</u>		
24	Osman D. Crotty	103
<u>June</u>		
7	Beatrice L. Tremblay	77
14	Guy N. Ransley	51
29	Cecelia Corey	83
<u>July</u>		
5	Charles Oliveira	84
12	Alma Margaret Torrey	94
13	Ronald J. Castonguay	70
13	Frederick Harwood	91
27	Carmen M. Silvia	84
29	Adrianna D. Freitas	84
31	Diane Arruda	66

August

2	Edward J. Silvia	83
2	Maria G. Jones	71
9	Evelyn J. Horton	83
12	Mariana C. Oliveira	95
21	Leonard H. Easterbrooks	69

September

10	Alfred F. Sousa	85
12	John M. Evangelho	85
13	Cecilia Downing	89
18	Alice S. Dutra	79

October

2	George R. Fostin	76
9	Sylvia L. Flint	82
13	Richard B. Wood	69
14	Bertha R. Stafford	91
24	Doris T. Stigh	81

November

14	Charles R. Leonard	99
15	Arthur I. Alves	82
27	Antone S. Perry	86
28	Nina Wilcox Menges	91
30	Antone Perry	72

MARRIAGES REGISTERED-2008

January

1 James M. White of Uxbridge MA and
Linda M. Desmarais of Uxbridge MA

February

2 Stacey Terence Cox of No. Dighton, MA and
Sherri Lynn Silva of No. Dighton MA

29 John Barry Norfolk of Dighton MA and
Claire Marie Jeffrey of Bedford NH

March

1 Donat Gilbert, Jr. of No. Dighton MA and
Denise Marie Mercurio of No. Dighton MA

1 Ronald Lawrence Botelho of No. Dighton MA and
Christine Ann Stratton of No. Dighton MA

May

3 Henry Diaz of No. Dighton MA and
Carrie Lynn Rebello of No. Dighton MA

10 John Luis Goncalves of Dighton, MA and
Kelly Marie Arruda of Dighton MA

24 Jon Michael Thomas of Dighton MA and
Charlene Elizabeth McGee of Dighton MA

31 John Edward O'Connell of No. Dighton MA and
Candace Ann McGarry of No. Dighton MA

June

21 William Richard Virdinlia of Naples FL and
Karen Lillian Hoffshire of No. Dighton MA

28 Sheri Ann Vajgrt of No. Dighton MA and
Paul Leo Lemelin of No. Dighton MA

July

4 Bonnie Lyn Crutchfield of No. Dighton MA and
Johan Carlos Mazariegos of Central Falls RI

5 Sara Michael Enos of No. Dighton MA and
Chad Wesley Dunham of No. Dighton MA

11 Nicholas Mark Freitas of Dighton MA and
Stephanie Lynn DaCosta of Dighton MA

25 David Thomas Pearce of No. Dighton MA and
Michele Lisa Noble of No. Dighton MA

26 Quentin Reed Small of No. Dighton MA and
Christina Irene Orazine of Lincoln RI

26 Craig M. Engler of No. Dighton MA and
Dawn H. Paine of No. Dighton MA

August

2 Scott Palmer of Somerset MA and
Heather Lee Nowell of Somerset MA

9 Jennifer Elizabeth Murphy of Charlestown MA and
Todd David Carter of No. Dighton MA

9 Aileen Julia Morrison of Amherst NH and
Walter Sanger Crane, IV of No. Dighton MA

23 Christopher J. Lima of No. Dighton MA and
Brenda L. Rose of No. Dighton MA

30 Patrick Stephen Kilroy of East Taunton MA and
Ashley Evelyn Randall of No. Dighton MA

September

20 Christopher Manuel Teixeira of Ashburn VA and
Lindsay Marie Dufort of Rehoboth MA

October

4 Mark Andrew Nadeau of Dighton MA and
Bonnie Yvonne Ventura of Dighton MA

4 Clifford Thomas Swain of Dighton MA and
Cheryl Ann McIntyre of Dighton MA

12 Deborah Ann Hoffshire of No. Dighton MA and
Robert William Waite of No. Dighton MA

25 Samantha Pearl Toro of Taunton MA and
Thomas William Stanley of Taunton MA

November

15 Joshua David Medeiros of Swansea MA and
Kathleen Marie Pedroso of Seekonk MA

22 Courtney Jill Maysles of Dighton MA and
Brad Adam Rotsky of Dighton MA

December

19 Kraig Robert Medeiros of Dighton MA and
Alison Waller Bilodeau of Dighton MA

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To The Board of Selectmen

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 2008 in the following schedules:

Combined Balance Sheet	-	All Funds
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General Fund
Receipts
Disbursements
Statement of Appropriations
Budget Entries
Fund Balance

Special Revenue Funds	-	Highway
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Receipts
Disbursements

Other Special Revenue Funds
Receipts
Disbursements
Fund Balances

Sewer Enterprise Funds
Receipts
Disbursements
Budget Entries
Fund Balance

Trust Funds
Receipts
Disbursements
Fund Balances

Agency Funds
Receipts
Disbursements
Fund Balances

Municipal Indebtedness Analysis

Free cash for Fiscal Year 2008 as certified by the Bureau of Accounts on
September 28, 2007 was \$ 72,655.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Luiz
Town Accountant

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

	GENERAL FUND	HIGHWAY FUND	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS	SEWER ENTERPRISE FIXED ASSETS	TRUST FUNDS	AGENCY FUNDS	ACCT. GROUP LONG TERM DEBT, ACCTS.	GENERAL FUND FIXED ASSETS
ASSETS										
Petty Cash	\$475.00		\$75.00							
Cash	\$231,432.70	(\$176,261.95)	\$1,730,478.22		\$610,045.24		\$806,869.17	\$841,956.87		
Receivables:										
Property Taxes	\$462,554.34									
Revenue Received-Not Yet Due	\$0.00									
Conveyance/Rollback Tax			\$26,017.74							
Tax Liens	\$280,160.46				\$2,054.21					
Tax Liens-Districts	\$31,907.18									
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$130,467.61									
Boat Excise	\$2,012.00									
User Fees					\$6,780.80					
Reserve for Uncollected Receivables-Overlay	\$0.00									
Apportioned Title V Betterments-Added to Taxes										
Committed Interest Added to Taxes			\$106,412.00							
Apportioned Title V Betterments-Not Yet Due										
Reserve for Uncollected Committed Interest			(\$106,412.00)							
Reserve for Uncollected Title V Betterments										
Due from Other Governments	\$27,921.42	\$176,261.95								
Dept. Receivables	\$489.50									
Tax Foreclosures	\$170,887.24									
Land						\$68,245.00				\$3,328,424.00
Land Improvements										\$116,567.00
Accumulated Depreciation-Land Improvements										(\$98,944.48)
Buildings										\$1,084,192.00
Accumulated Depreciation-Buildings										(\$878,792.52)
Building Improvements										\$245,321.08
Accumulated Depreciation-Building Improvements										(\$11,482.83)
Infrastructure						\$2,604,949.08				\$710,093.87
Accumulated Depreciation-Infrastructure						(\$1,037,703.43)				(\$83,613.36)
Machinery & Equipment										\$560,651.52
Accumulated Depreciation-Machinery & Equipment										(\$336,868.78)
Vehicles						\$25,750.00				\$1,902,320.36
Accumulated Depreciation-Vehicles						(\$25,750.00)				(\$1,360,378.04)
Construction in Progress										\$0.00
Amounts to be Provided for Payment of Bonds/Leases									\$547,923.54	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,338,307.45	\$0.00	\$1,756,570.96	\$0.00	\$618,955.25	\$1,635,490.65	\$806,869.17	\$841,956.87	\$547,923.54	\$5,177,489.82

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$142,150.54	\$38,167.94	\$5,199.02	\$10,374.80
Payroll Amounts Withheld				\$11,478.96
Due to Other Governments	\$0.00			\$9,940.90
Short Term BANS Payable				
Other Liabilities				\$803,748.10
Unclaimed Items				\$6,414.11
Revenue Deferred Until Collected:				
Property Taxes	\$382,554.34			
Other	\$472,958.17	\$176,261.95	\$8,835.01	\$547,923.54
Notes, Bonds & Leases Payable				
Other Financing Sources				

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$997,663.05	\$176,261.95	\$14,034.03	\$841,956.87	\$0.00	\$547,923.54	\$0.00	\$0.00
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FUND EQUITY

Investment in Fixed Assets								
Retained Earnings:								\$5,177,489.82
Other Purpose								
Unreserved								
Reserved Fund Balance:								
Encumbrances								
Prior Year Encumbrances								
Expenditures								
Special Purpose								
Trust Funds							\$24,680.41	
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation								
Designated-Trust Funds							\$782,188.76	
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated:								
Federal Grants								
State Grants								
County Grants								
Revolving Funds								
Designated								
Over/Under Assessments								
Appropriation Deficit	(\$57,754.30)							
Unprovided Abatements & Exemptions	(\$46,109.00)							
Tax Receivable Variances	\$0.00							
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated:								
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$396,040.25	(\$176,261.95)						

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$340,644.40	(\$176,261.95)	\$1,692,385.28	\$0.00	\$604,921.22	\$1,635,490.65	\$806,869.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,177,489.82
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$1,338,307.45	\$0.00	\$1,756,570.96	\$0.00	\$618,955.25	\$1,635,490.65	\$806,869.17	\$841,956.87	\$547,923.54	\$5,177,489.82
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GENERAL FUND - CASH RECEIPTS - FY 2008

Local Taxes:		
Personal Property Taxes	\$394,558.22	
Real Estate Taxes	\$9,839,055.55	
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$35,025.55	
Taxes in Litigation	\$0.00	
Tax Foreclosures	\$0.00	
Tax Foreclosures Sold	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$10,268,639.32
Local Receipts:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$849,276.79	
Vessel Excise	\$4,363.00	
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises	\$57,454.68	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$3,210.21	
Fees	\$41,000.25	
Fees from Landfill/Rubbish Services	\$143,587.29	
Other Departmental Revenue	\$37,297.02	
Licenses & Permits	\$116,509.00	
Fines & Forfeits	\$430.00	
Court Fines	\$1,605.00	
Sales of Inventory	\$1,751.00	
Earnings on Investments	\$42,843.23	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$23,070.24</u>	\$1,322,397.71
State Receipts:		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Vets., Elderly,		
Surv. Spouse	\$44,819.00	
Veterans Benefits	\$24,462.00	
Highway	\$0.00	
Lottery, Beano, Charity Games	<u>\$865,018.00</u>	\$934,299.00
Other Financing Sources:		
Transfers from Special Revenue Funds	\$309,231.86	
Transfers from Capital Projects	\$0.00	
Transfers from Sewer Enterprise	\$8,000.00	
Transfers from Stabilization	<u>\$393,504.58</u>	\$710,736.44
Revenue Anticipation Notes Payable	\$0.00	
Tax Titles Due Districts	\$4,905.16	
Due to School District	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$4,905.16
Total Cash Receipts		\$13,240,977.63
Cash Balance 7/1/07		<u>\$47,815.90</u>
		<u>\$13,288,793.53</u>

GENERAL FUND - CASH DISBURSEMENTS - FY 2008

Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations		
General Government	\$660,002.19	
Protection of Persons & Property	\$1,776,625.07	
Education	\$7,820,987.28	
Highways	\$539,286.41	
Sanitation	\$430,052.35	
Other Environmental	\$5,900.00	
Human Services	\$167,666.72	
Culture & Recreation	\$183,233.45	
Debt Service	\$123,827.75	
Employee Benefits	\$794,261.57	
Court Judgments	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$116,396.55	
Total FY 2008 Budget Appropriations		\$12,618,239.34
Fiscal Year 2008 Special Articles		
FY2008 Audit	\$0.00	
FY2007 Audit Additional	\$1,000.00	
Town Buildings Upgrades /Renovations	\$37,681.12	
Communications Computer Software	\$28,000.00	
Fire Station 2 Addition	\$149,794.18	
Fire Station Upgrades/Repairs	\$45,850.39	
Insurance Settlement	\$25,000.00	
Ambulance	\$27,950.00	
FY2008 Prior Year Bills	\$187.50	
Total FY 2008 Special Articles		\$315,463.19
Prior Year Appropriations/Encumbrances		
FY07 Audit	\$23,000.00	
Planning Board Office Supplies	\$212.60	
Public Buildings Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,035.57	
Bldg -Instate travel	\$260.00	
BOH-Professional & Technical	\$264.00	
Total Prior Year Appropriations		\$28,772.17
Other Financing Uses		
County Assessments	\$73,598.39	
State Assessments	\$42,820.00	
Special Education Assessments	\$0.00	
Total Other Financing Uses		\$116,418.39
Revenue Anticipation Notes Payable	\$0.00	
Due to School District	\$0.00	
Tax Titles Due Districts	\$4,905.16	
Transfers to Capital Projects	\$0.00	
Transfers to Stabilization	\$72,772.72	
Transfers to Special Revenue Funds	\$42,940.40	
Total Other		\$120,618.28
Total Cash Disbursements		\$13,199,511.37
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/08		(\$142,150.54)
		\$13,057,360.83
Cash Balance 6/30/08		\$231,432.70
		\$13,288,793.53

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	Expended FY08	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	***Balance carried forward 6/30/08
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Town Meetings	\$332.69	\$525.00	\$290.00	\$1,099.11	\$48.58	
Moderator	\$454.45			\$454.45	\$0.00	
Board of Selectmen	\$125,557.77		\$5,600.00	\$124,768.12	\$6,389.65	\$4,906.30
Finance Committee	\$4,400.00		(\$3,000.00)	\$1,119.00	\$281.00	
Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00	(\$7,704.80)		\$0.00	\$12,295.20	
Town Accountant	\$70,000.00			\$68,060.36	\$1,939.64	
Board of Assessors	\$110,000.00			\$102,383.15	\$7,616.85	\$300.00
Town Treasurer	\$62,500.00			\$62,055.42	\$444.58	
Town Collector	\$62,500.00			\$60,817.66	\$1,682.34	
Town Counsel	\$35,000.00			\$31,167.68	\$3,832.32	
Data Processing	\$21,200.00			\$19,625.00	\$1,575.00	
Tax Title Foreclosure	\$12,000.00			\$10,171.26	\$1,828.74	
Town Clerk	\$51,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$597.96	\$53,329.15	\$268.81	
Elections	\$5,450.00	\$991.80	\$551.52	\$6,730.28	\$263.04	
Registration	\$3,000.00			\$2,480.19	\$519.81	
Conservation Commission	\$5,000.00			\$1,248.30	\$3,751.70	\$97.71
Planning Board	\$35,270.00			\$32,322.52	\$2,947.48	\$498.23
Board of Appeals	\$8,000.00			\$6,653.72	\$1,346.28	
Public Buildings	\$49,200.00			\$47,221.98	\$1,978.02	
Building Insurance	\$29,870.00		(\$624.55)	\$25,039.00	\$4,206.45	
Town Reports	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	(\$737.35)	\$3,255.84	\$506.81	
	\$715,734.91	(\$4,688.00)	\$2,677.58	\$660,002.19	\$53,722.30	\$5,802.24
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police	\$805,000.00		\$16,838.00	\$818,313.51	\$3,524.49	
Communication	\$202,000.00		(\$6,060.00)	\$164,348.73	\$31,591.27	

Fire	\$619,000.00			\$575,013.21	\$43,986.79
Ambulance Services	\$160,850.00			\$132,959.60	\$27,890.40
Building Inspector	\$53,741.89			\$52,010.04	\$1,731.85
Gas Inspector	\$1,400.00	\$800.00		\$2,050.00	\$150.00
Plumbing Inspector	\$5,100.00		(\$1,050.00)	\$3,350.00	\$700.00
Weights & Measures	\$969.08			\$969.07	\$0.01
Electrical Inspector	\$6,000.00		\$1,050.00	\$6,920.00	\$130.00
Civil Defense	\$1,490.00			\$769.56	\$720.44
Dog Officer	\$23,000.00			\$19,554.77	\$3,445.23
Forestry	\$366.58			\$366.58	\$0.00
Harbormaster	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
	\$1,880,117.55	\$800.00	\$10,778.00	\$1,776,625.07	\$115,070.48
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EDUCATION					
D-R Regional School Dist.	\$7,808,808.00			\$7,808,808.00	\$0.00
B.C.A. School	\$22,328.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,179.28	\$10,149.40
	\$7,831,136.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,820,987.28	\$10,149.40
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HIGHWAYS					
Highway	\$480,000.00			\$445,275.62	\$34,724.38
Snow & Ice Removal	\$35,000.00			\$92,754.30	(\$57,754.30)
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	\$1,244.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$1,256.49	\$32.51
	\$516,244.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$539,286.41	(\$22,997.41)
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SANITATION					
Waste Collection & Disposal	\$482,681.00		(\$5,197.65)	\$430,052.35	\$47,431.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$482,681.00	\$0.00	(\$5,197.65)	\$430,052.35	\$47,431.00
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OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL					
Cemetery	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,900.00	\$100.00
	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,900.00	\$100.00
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HUMAN SERVICES					
Health - Regulation & Inspection	\$50,500.00			\$33,323.32	\$17,176.68

Health - Administration	\$11,000.00			\$2,817.51	\$8,182.49
Mosquito Control	\$400.00			\$0.00	\$400.00
Council on Aging	\$72,600.00	\$1,500.00		\$72,176.88	\$1,923.12
Veterans Services	\$74,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,349.01	\$15,450.99
	\$209,300.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$167,666.72	\$43,133.28
					\$0.00
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Library	\$182,500.00			\$160,252.11	\$22,247.89
Recreation	\$22,800.00			\$22,300.86	\$499.14
Historical Commission	\$500.00			\$430.61	\$69.39
Cable Committee	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.87	\$50.13
	\$206,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183,233.45	\$22,866.55
					\$714.14
DEBT SERVICE					
Retirement of Debt					
Sewer Note # 1	\$9,000.00			\$9,000.00	\$0.00
Sewer Note # 2	\$11,400.00			\$11,400.00	\$0.00
Sewer Note # 3	\$21,500.00			\$21,500.00	\$0.00
Landfill Closure Note	\$55,000.00			\$55,000.00	\$0.00
WPAT Note	\$7,114.00			\$7,114.00	\$0.00
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$19,814.00			\$19,813.75	\$0.25
Interest on Short Term Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$123,828.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$123,827.75	\$0.25
					\$0.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
Retirement & Pension Cont.	\$436,157.00			\$432,594.01	\$3,562.99
Workman's Compensation	\$17,250.00			\$15,696.00	\$1,554.00
Group Health Insurance	\$317,220.00		(\$6,149.48)	\$311,009.05	\$61.47
Group Life Insurance	\$700.00			\$574.99	\$125.01
Medicare Contributions	\$36,000.00		\$0.00	\$34,387.52	\$1,612.48
Tuition	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$810,327.00	\$0.00	(\$9,149.48)	\$794,261.57	\$6,915.95
					\$240.19

COURT JUDGMENTS

Court Judgments

	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Liability Insurance

	\$113,162.00	\$2,388.00	\$846.55	\$116,396.55	\$0.00
	\$113,162.00	\$2,388.00	\$846.55	\$116,396.55	\$0.00

Total FY 2008 Budget Appropriations

	\$12,894,631.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,618,239.34	\$276,391.80	\$6,756.57
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Fiscal Year 2008 Special Articles

FY2008 Audit

	\$27,000.00			\$0.00		\$27,000.00
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FY2007 Audit (Additional)

	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00		
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Town Buildings Upgrades/Renovations

	\$50,000.00			\$37,681.12		\$12,318.88
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Communications Computer Software

	\$28,000.00			\$28,000.00		
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Fire Station 2 Addition

	\$150,000.00			\$149,794.18	\$205.82	
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Fire Station Upgrades/Repairs

	\$46,000.00			\$45,850.39	\$149.61	
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Ambulance

	\$28,000.00			\$27,950.00	\$50.00	
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Insurance Settlement

	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00		
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FY2008 Prior Year Bills

	\$187.50			\$187.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Total FY 2008 Special Articles

	\$355,187.50			\$315,463.19	\$405.43	\$39,318.88
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Total FY 2008 Appropriations

	\$13,249,818.64	\$0.00		\$12,933,702.53	\$276,797.23	\$46,075.45
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\$306,611.13

Closed to Unreserved Fund Balance

\$27,940.40

* Closed to Special Revenue Funds-Amb

(\$57,754.30)

** To be Raised on FY2009 Recap Sheet

\$46,075.45

*** Encumbered for FY2009 use

\$322,872.68

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

	Balance 07/01/07	Expended FY 08	Returned to Specified Fund	***Balance carried forward 6/30/08
FY07 Audit	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00		
Wage & Job Classification Survey	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	
Conservation-Other Supplies	\$58.15	\$0.00	\$58.15	
PB - Office Supplies	\$212.60	\$212.60		
Public Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,035.57	\$5,035.57		
Police Cruiser	\$2,392.00	\$0.00		\$2,392.00
Bld-Instate Travel	\$260.00	\$260.00		
BOH-Professional & Technical	\$264.00	\$264.00		
Retirement & Pension Contributions:				
Fiscal Year 2006	\$176.88	\$0.00	\$176.88	
Fiscal Year 2007	\$173.34	\$0.00	\$173.34	\$0.00
Totals	\$32,872.54	\$28,772.17	\$1,708.37	\$2,392.00

\$1,708.37
 \$0.00
 \$2,392.00
\$4,100.37

Closed to Unreserved Fund Balance
 * Closed to Ambulance-Special Revenue Funds
 *** Encumbered for FY2009 use

FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET ENTRIES REVENUES

	Budget	Actual	Difference
LOCAL TAXES:			
Personal Property Taxes (Net of Refunds)	\$395,219.99	\$394,558.22	(\$661.77)
Real Estate Taxes (Net of Refunds)*	\$10,181,593.04	\$9,879,055.55	(\$302,537.49)
Overlay	(\$63,145.13)	\$0.00	\$63,145.13
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$0.00	\$35,025.55	\$35,025.55
Tax Foreclosures	\$0.00	\$11,375.37	\$11,375.37
Total Local Taxes	\$10,513,667.90	\$10,320,014.69	(\$193,653.21)
LOCAL RECEIPTS:			
Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of Refunds)	\$744,500.00	\$849,276.79	\$104,776.79
Vessel Excise (Net of Refunds)	\$1,800.00	\$4,363.00	\$2,563.00
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises	\$47,800.00	\$57,454.68	\$9,654.68
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$3,200.00	\$3,210.21	\$10.21
Fees	\$42,800.00	\$41,000.25	(\$1,799.75)
Landfill Fees	\$163,500.00	\$143,587.29	(\$19,912.71)
Other Departmental Revenue	\$38,200.00	\$37,297.02	(\$902.98)
Licenses & Permits	\$160,600.00	\$116,509.00	(\$44,091.00)
Fines & Forfeits	\$1,870.00	\$2,035.00	\$165.00
Sales of Inventory	\$0.00	\$1,751.00	\$1,751.00
Earnings on Investments	\$57,000.00	\$42,843.23	(\$14,156.77)
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$30,200.00	\$23,070.24	(\$7,129.76)
Total Local Receipts	\$1,291,470.00	\$1,322,397.71	\$30,927.71

STATE RECEIPTS:

Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Veterans, Blind & Surviving Spouses, Chapter 59	\$21,910.00	\$23,735.00	\$1,825.00
Loss of Taxes, Elderly, Chapter 73	\$18,072.00	\$21,084.00	\$3,012.00
Veterans Benefits, Chapter 115	\$17,642.00	\$24,462.00	\$6,820.00
Highway Fund, Chapter 81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lottery, Beano, Charity Games, Chapter 29	\$865,018.00	\$865,018.00	\$0.00
Total State Receipts	\$922,642.00	\$934,299.00	\$11,657.00

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS:

Special Revenue Funds:			
School Insurance	\$113,267.86	\$113,267.86	\$0.00
Ambulance	\$188,850.00	\$188,850.00	\$0.00
Title V	\$7,114.00	\$7,114.00	\$0.00
Sewer Enterprise	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Stabilization	\$393,504.58	\$393,504.58	\$0.00
Total Transfers From Other Fund	\$710,736.44	\$710,736.44	\$0.00

OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Free Cash	\$72,444.81	N/A	(\$72,444.81)
Total Other Available Funds	\$72,444.81	N/A	(\$72,444.81)

TOTAL ALL REVENUES	\$13,510,961.15	\$13,287,447.84	(\$223,513.31)
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*Includes 60 day accruals

FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET ENTRIES

EXPENDITURES

	Budget	Actual	Difference
TOWN BUDGETS:			
General Government	\$713,724.49	\$660,002.19	\$53,722.30
Public Safety	\$1,891,695.55	\$1,776,625.07	\$115,070.48
Education	\$7,831,136.68	\$7,820,987.28	\$10,149.40
Highways	\$516,289.00	\$539,286.41	(\$22,997.41)
Sanitation	\$477,483.35	\$430,052.35	\$47,431.00
Other Environmental	\$6,000.00	\$5,900.00	\$100.00
Human Services	\$210,800.00	\$167,666.72	\$43,133.28
Culture & Recreation	\$206,100.00	\$183,233.45	\$22,866.55
Debt Service	\$123,828.00	\$123,827.75	\$0.25
Employee Benefits	\$801,177.52	\$794,261.57	\$6,915.95
Court Judgments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liability Insurance	\$116,396.55	\$116,396.55	\$0.00
Total FY 2008 Budget Appropriations	\$12,894,631.14	\$12,618,239.34	\$276,391.80
Fiscal Year 2008 Special Articles:			
FY2008 Audit	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	\$27,000.00
FY2007 Audit (Additional)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Town Buildings Upgrades/Renovations	\$50,000.00	\$37,681.12	\$12,318.88
Communications Computer Software	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$0.00
Fire Station 2 Addition	\$150,000.00	\$149,794.18	\$205.82
Fire Station Upgrades/Repairs	\$46,000.00	\$45,850.39	\$149.61
Ambulance	\$28,000.00	\$27,950.00	\$50.00
Insurance Settlement	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
FY2008 Prior Year Bills	\$187.50	\$187.50	\$0.00
Total FY 2008 Special Articles	\$355,187.50	\$315,463.19	\$39,724.31
Total Town Budgets	\$13,249,818.64	\$12,933,702.53	\$316,116.11
Prior Year Appropriations - Expended in FY 2008		\$28,772.17	(\$28,772.17)

OTHER FINANCING USES:

County Assessment	\$73,598.00	\$73,598.39	(\$0.39)
State Assessments	\$42,482.00	\$42,820.00	(\$338.00)
CJTC Assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers to Capital Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers to Stabilization	\$0.00	\$72,772.72	\$72,772.72
Transfers to Special Revenue Funds	\$15,000.00	\$42,940.40	(\$27,940.40)
Total Other Financing Uses	\$131,080.00	\$232,131.51	\$44,493.93

OTHER:

Prior Fiscal Year Fund Deficits			
Appropriation Deficits			
Snow & Ice Removal			
Tax Titles	\$17,519.85	N/A	\$17,519.85
Court Judgments	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Over/Under Assessments	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Abatements & Exemptions	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Receivable Balance Adjustments	\$112,542.66	N/A	\$112,542.66
Total Prior Fiscal Year Deficits	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
	\$130,062.51	N/A	\$130,062.51

TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES

\$13,510,961.15	\$13,194,606.21	\$461,900.38
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**FISCAL YEAR 2008
BUDGET ENTRIES
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

Fund Balance, June 30, 2007	\$247,802.77
Revenues Closed to Fund Balance for FY 2008	\$13,287,447.84
Expenditures Closed to Fund Balance for FY 2008	<u>(\$13,194,606.21)</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2008	<u><u>\$340,644.40</u></u>

Fund Balance, June 30, 2007	\$247,802.77
Unfavorable Revenue Difference	(\$223,513.31)
Favorable Expenditure Difference	<u>\$316,354.94</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2008	<u><u>\$340,644.40</u></u>

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS, FY 2008

RECEIPTS

Commonwealth of Mass.	<u>\$236,019.66</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		\$236,019.66
Cash Balance 7/1/07		<u>(\$171,522.02)</u>
		\$64,497.64

DISBURSEMENTS

Roadway Resurfacing	\$161,121.86	
Bridge	\$15,004.73	
Additional Equipment	<u>\$64,633.00</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements		\$240,759.59
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/08		<u>\$0.00</u>
		\$240,759.59
Cash Balance 6/30/08		<u>(\$176,261.95)</u>
		\$64,497.64

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FY2008

RECEIPTS		ACCOUNT #	
FEDERAL GRANTS:			\$0.00
STATE GRANTS:			
FY08 Council on Aging Formula Grant	3100-08	\$6,715.00	
FY07 Fire Safe Grant	3110-07	\$2,574.91	
FY08 Fire Safe Grant	3110-08	\$3,850.00	
FY08 Library MEG/LIG	3120-08	\$8,658.16	
FY07 SETB State Grant	3126-07	\$2,991.68	
FY08 Community Policing Grant	3150-08	\$33,440.00	
FY08 Elections Grant	3170-08	\$324.00	\$58,553.75
COUNTY GRANTS			
		\$0.00	\$0.00
RECEIPTS RESERVED:			
Conservation/Wetlands Fees	3000-40	\$6,788.50	
Conservation Rollback Taxes	4100-40	\$10,374.26	
Ambulance Fees	3020-40	\$217,840.51	
School Insurance Interest	3030-40	\$15,291.15	
Affordable Housing Fund	3060-40	\$5,079.92	
Affordable Housing-Board of Appeals	3065-40	\$280.66	
Title V Betterment Payments	3090-40	\$793.50	\$256,448.50
REVOLVING FUNDS:			
Planning Board-Fees	3250-40	\$5,530.00	
Council On Aging-Prime Time	3270-40	\$101,959.75	
Library-Fines	3280-40	\$2,472.92	
Library-Copies	3290-40	\$255.04	
Recreation-C44S53D	4110-40	\$4,930.00	\$115,147.71

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:

Gifts & Donations

Dighton Power Charitable Fund-Gifts
Dighton Power Charitable Fund Earnings on Investments
Dighton Power Snow Plow Gift
Dighton Power Bulk Mailing Gift
Dighton Power Fire- Vehicle Computers Gift
Dighton Power Assessor Desk & Chair Gift
Dighton Power Fire- Confined Space Equipment Gift
Dighton Power Portable Radios Gift
Dighton Power Election Furniture Gift
Dighton Power Town Hall Sign Gift
Dighton Power 2007 Police Cruiser
Dighton Power 2008 Police Cruiser
Fire Department-Gifts
Council on Aging-Gifts
Prime Time-Romero Gifts
Library Arts-Gifts
Historical Seg. School Building Gift
Cable-Gifts
Prime Time Gifts & Donations

3310-40 \$105,347.77
3310-40 \$29.19
3302-40 \$7,500.00
3303-40 \$2,000.00
3304-40 \$16,000.00
3306-40 \$1,027.00
3307-40 \$9,700.00
3308-40 \$4,000.00
3309-40 \$1,107.39
3311-40 \$20,000.00
3710-07 \$24,081.42
3710-08 \$21,984.00
3340-40 \$4,021.00
3350-40 \$3,314.80
3380-40 \$17,000.00
3410-40 \$6.00
3420-40 \$2,500.00
3430-40 \$7,216.00
3500-40 \$7,943.60

\$254,778.17

Other

BC Anti-Crime Task Force
Music Anti-Trust Settlement
TH Stonewall Insurance Reimbursement
Police Cruisers Insurance Reimbursement
Tricentennial Celebration
Municipal Building Insurance Fund

3197-40 \$14,640.37
3198-40 \$325.86
3841-08 \$5,626.50
3845-07 \$0.00
4115-40 \$831.32
4125-40 \$0.00

\$21,424.05

53G ACCOUNTS-OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

Sewer Enterprise-Stonagate Landing 53G
Conservation-Wellington Acres 53G
Conservation-Wellington Acres LLC 53G
Conservation-Manheim New England 53G
Conservation-Ronald Medeiros 53G

3965-40 \$1,500.42
4065-40 \$200.00
4067-40 \$4,340.80
4068-40 \$1,850.00
4075-40 \$28.60

Planning Board-Bushwood 53G	3210-40	\$436.74
Planning Board-Richmond Hill 53G	3450-40	\$19.68
Planning Board-Segregansett Estates 53G	3480-40	\$66.91
Planning Board-Hunter's Hill 53G	3520-40	\$144.76
Planning Board-Shan Lee Estates 53G	3610-40	\$3,078.02
Planning Board-Wellington Acres 53G	3611-40	\$159.32
Planning Board-Meadow Acres 53G	3640-40	\$50.26
Planning Board-Amarals' Estates 53G	3720-40	\$197.10
Planning Board-Ledgewood Estates 53G	3810-40	\$3,950.26
Planning Board-Hillcrest Estates 53G	3830-40	\$163.85
Planning Board-Northwoods Estates 53G	3878-40	\$41.47
Planning Board-Lilia Lane 53G	3879-40	\$1,028.51
Planning Board-Aquaria 53G	3882-40	\$3,035.57
Planning Board-Emma's Way 53G	3883-40	\$1.19
Planning Board-Julians Way Extension 53G	3885-40	\$2,000.00
Planning Board-Elm Street Estates 53G	3955-40	\$3,030.57
Planning Board-Sample Meadows 53G	3966-40	\$34.83
Planning Board-Andrews Farm II 53G	3970-40	\$51.84
Planning Board-Park View Estates 53G	4005-40	\$57.56
Planning Board-Council Oak Estates 53G	4010-40	\$0.13
Planning Board-Hawthorne Development 53G	4015-40	\$29.83
Planning Board-Center Street Woods 53G	4020-40	\$61.53
Planning Board-Old Williams Estates 53G	4025-40	\$115.49
Planning Board-Bellas Retail Building 53G	4035-40	\$1,506.31
Planning Board-Cedar Estates 53G	4070-40	\$30.06
Planning Board-Council Oak 2 53G	4080-40	\$69.94
Planning Board-Williams Street Estates 53G	4090-40	\$113.49
Board of Appeals-Arborcrest 53G	3620-40	\$3.43
Board of Appeals-Stonegate Landing 53G	3630-40	\$12,747.17
Board of Appeals-Nanci Prairie 53G	3881-40	\$916.02
Board of Appeals-Puddingstone Circle 53G	3884-40	\$25,038.08
Board of Appeals-Dighton Woods 53G	3920-40	\$2,046.89
Board of Appeals-The Pines 53G	4130-40	\$5,042.17
Total Other Special Revenues		\$73,188.80
		\$349,391.02

TRANSFERS:

Transfer from General Fund-Municipal Building Insurance Fund
Transfer from General Fund-Unused Ambulance Funds
Transfer from General Fund-Tricentennial Celebration

4125-40	\$10,000.00	\$42,940.40
3020-40	\$27,940.40	\$822,481.38
4115-40	\$5,000.00	\$1,806,147.70
		<u>\$2,628,629.08</u>

Total Cash Receipts
Cash Balance 7/1/07

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

DISBURSEMENTS

FEDERAL GRANTS:

ACCOUNT #

\$0.00 \$0.00

STATE GRANTS:

Title V Loans Out
Title V Grant
FY08 Council on Aging Formula Grant
FY06 Fire Safety Grant
FY07 Fire Safety Grant
FY07 Fire Fighting Equipment
FY03 Library MEG/LIG
FY04 Library MEG/LIG
FY06 Library MEG/LIG
FY08 Arts Lottery Grant
FY08 Community Policing Grant
FY06 Elections Grant
FY08 Elections Grant

3090-40	\$86,732.00	
3090-97	\$0.00	
3100-08	\$6,715.00	
3110-06	\$6.24	
3110-07	\$2,574.91	
3112-07	\$5,300.00	
3120-03	\$41.61	
3120-04	\$79.87	
3120-06	\$32.61	
3130-08	\$0.00	
3150-08	\$33,440.00	
3170-06	\$213.40	
3170-08	\$303.84	\$135,439.48

COUNTY GRANTS

\$0.00 \$0.00

RECEIPTS RESERVED:

Conservation/Wetlands Fees
Affordable Housing -Board of Appeals

3000-40	\$97.73	
3065-40	\$13,050.00	\$13,147.73

REVOLVING FUNDS:

Planning Board-Fees	3250-40	\$3,495.00
Council on Aging-Prime Time	3270-40	\$79,199.05
Library-Fines	3280-40	\$2,435.66
Recreation-C44S53D	4110-40	\$4,058.20
		<u>\$89,187.91</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:

Gifts & Donations

Dighton Power Charitable Fund	3310-40	\$124,499.81
Dighton Power Hwy - 4X4 Pick Up Gift	3185-40	\$473.72
Dighton Power Snow Plow Gift	3302-40	\$7,500.00
Dighton Power Bulk Mailing Gift	3303-40	\$2,000.00
Dighton Power Fire- Vehicle Computers Gift	3304-40	\$16,000.00
Dighton Power Assessor Desk & Chair Gift	3306-40	\$1,027.00
Dighton Power Fire- Confined Space Equipment Gift	3307-40	\$9,700.00
Dighton Power Portable Radios Gift	3308-40	\$4,000.00
Dighton Power Election Furniture Gift	3309-40	\$1,107.39
Dighton Power Police Cruiser Gifts-FY07	3710-07	\$32,000.00
Dighton Power Prime Time Building Gifts	3560-40	\$2,026.27
Dighton Power Town Software	3950-40	\$3,000.00
Police-DARE-Gifts	3330-40	\$229.82
Fire-Gifts	3340-40	\$4,307.82
Council on Aging-Gifts	3350-40	\$826.61
Council on Aging-Romero-Gifts	3370-40	\$2,453.58
Council on Aging Prime Time Romero-Gifts	3380-40	\$24,294.06
Library-Arts Lottery-Gifts	3410-40	\$700.00
Prime Time Gifts & Donations	3500-40	\$7,414.60
Cable-Gifts	3430-40	\$10,223.64
		<u>\$253,784.32</u>
<u>Other</u>		
BC Anti-Crime Task Force	3197-40	\$13,411.44
Fire Truck/Building Insurance Reimbursement	3840-03	\$2,983.00
TH Stonewall Insurance Reimbursement	3841-08	\$4,240.00
Police Cruisers Insurance Reimbursement	3845-07	\$400.00
		<u>\$21,034.44</u>

53G ACCOUNTS-OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

Sewer Enterprise-Stonegate Landing 53G	3965-40	\$61,970.06
Conservation-Wellington Acres 53G	4065-40	\$200.00
Conservation-Wellington Acres LLC 53G	4067-40	\$4,340.80
Conservation-Ronald Medeiros 53G	4075-40	\$1,000.00
Planning Board-Bushwood 53G	3210-40	\$650.00
Planning Board-Richmond Hill 53G	3450-40	\$205.00
Planning Board-Segregansett Estates 53G	3480-40	\$1,265.00
Planning Board-Hunter's Hill 53G	3520-40	\$1,805.34
Planning Board-Shan Lee Estates 53G	3610-40	\$2,850.22
Planning Board-Wellington Acres 53G	3611-40	\$4,967.41
Planning Board-Amarals' Estates 53G	3720-40	\$1,300.00
Planning Board-Ledgewood Estates 53G	3810-40	\$4,214.73
Planning Board-Northwoods Estates 53G	3878-40	\$229.36
Planning Board-Lilia Lane 53G	3879-40	\$905.34
Planning Board-Aquaria 53G	3882-40	\$2,456.10
Planning Board-Elm Street Estates 53G	3955-40	\$3,199.37
Planning Board-Hawthorne Development 53G	4015-40	\$240.00
Planning Board-Old Williams Estates 53G	4025-40	\$2,229.00
Planning Board-Cedar Estates 53G	4070-40	\$908.01
Board of Appeals-Stonegate Landing 53G	3630-40	\$11,773.18
Board of Appeals-Nanci Prairie 53G	3881-40	\$1,040.00
Board of Appeals-Puddingstone Circle 53G	3884-40	\$3,088.00
Board of Appeals-Dighton Woods 53G	3920-40	\$1,889.80
Board of Appeals-The Pines 53G	4130-40	\$1,766.34
Total Other Special Revenue		\$114,493.06
		\$389,311.82

TRANSFERS:

Transfer to General Fund-Ambulance Fees	3020-40	\$188,850.00
Transfer to General Fund-School Insurance Funds	3030-40	\$113,267.86
Transfer to General Fund-Title V Funds	3090-40	\$7,114.00
Total Cash Disbursements		\$309,231.86
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/08		\$936,318.80
		(\$38,167.94)
		\$898,150.86
Cash Balance 6/30/08		\$1,730,478.22
		\$2,628,629.08

SPECIAL FUND BALANCE

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LIBRARY												
3120-03	FY03 LIBRARY MEGLIG	\$1,235.78								\$0.00	\$41.61	\$1,194.17
3120-04	FY04 LIBRARY MEGLIG	\$79.87								\$0.00	\$79.87	\$0.00
3120-06	FY06 LIBRARY MEGLIG	\$8,253.68								\$0.00	\$32.61	\$8,221.07
3120-07	FY07 LIBRARY MEGLIG	\$8,858.04								\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,858.04
3120-08	FY08 LIBRARY MEGLIG	\$0.00	\$8,658.16							\$8,658.16	\$0.00	\$8,658.16
TOTAL LIBRARY		\$18,427.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$154.09	\$0.00	\$26,931.44
OTHER												
3090-97	TITLE V ORIGINAL GRANT	\$1,244.75								\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,244.75
TOTAL OTHER		\$1,244.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,244.75
TOTAL STATE GRANTS		\$26,040.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,553.75	\$26,108.28	\$35,886.97
COUNTY GRANTS												
3990-04	BRISTOL COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY	\$81.33								\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81.33
TOTAL COUNTY GRANTS		\$81.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81.33
RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION												
WETLANDS												
3000-40	CONSERVATION	\$19,296.46	\$6,788.50							\$6,788.50	\$97.73	\$25,987.23
AMBULANCE												
3020-40	AMBULANCE	\$362,215.98	\$217,840.51							\$245,780.91		\$419,146.89
INSURANCE OVER 20,000.00												
3030-40	MIDDLE SCHOOL INSURANCE	\$397,179.08						\$15,291.15		\$15,291.15		\$299,202.37
SALE OF REAL ESTATE												
3010-40	SALE OF REAL ESTATE	\$0.00								\$0.00		\$0.00
OTHER												
3060-40	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$113,306.52				\$5,079.92				\$5,079.92		\$118,386.44
3065-40	AFFORDABLE HOUSING-BOARD OF APPEALS	\$32,533.91				\$280.66				\$280.66	\$13,050.00	\$19,764.57
3090-40	MWPAT BORROWED FUNDS	\$51,238.53								\$0.00	\$86,732.00	\$-137,970.53
3090-40	TITLE V BETTERMENTS RECEIVED	\$140,193.98								\$793.50		\$133,873.48
4100-40	CONSERVATION ROLLBACK TAXES	\$270,527.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,374.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,374.26	\$7,114.00	\$280,902.24
TOTAL OTHER		\$505,323.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,734.84	\$0.00	\$793.50	\$0.00	\$16,528.34	\$0.00	\$414,956.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP.		\$1,284,015.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,025.99	\$27,940.40	\$0.00	\$13,147.73	\$86,732.00	\$0.00	\$1,159,292.69
REVOLVING FUNDS												
CH. 44 53E1/2												
3250-40	PLANNING BOARD	\$123,489.12	\$5,530.00							\$5,530.00	\$3,495.00	\$125,524.12
3270-40	COUNCIL ON AGING/PRIME TIME	\$18,149.52	\$101,959.75							\$101,959.75	\$65,407.02	\$40,910.22
3290-40	LIBRARY COPIES	\$59.16	\$255.04							\$255.04	\$0.00	\$314.20
3280-40	LIBRARY FINES	\$8,422.06	\$2,472.92							\$2,472.92	\$2,435.66	\$8,459.32
CH44 553D												
4110-40	RECREATION	\$0.00	\$4,930.00							\$4,930.00	\$4,058.20	\$871.80
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		\$150,119.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115,147.71	\$69,465.22	\$176,079.66

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE

GIFTS & DONATIONS:

3310-40	DIGHTON POWER	\$25,132.60	\$100,000.00	\$29.19	\$5,347.77	\$105,376.96	\$124,499.81	\$124,499.81	\$6,009.75
3302-40	D. POWER SNOW PLOW GIFT	\$0.00	\$7,500.00		-\$1,165.05	\$6,334.95		\$6,334.95	\$0.00
3303-40	D. POWER BULK MAILING GIFT	\$0.00	\$2,000.00		-\$361.75	\$1,638.25	\$1,638.25	\$1,638.25	\$0.00
3304-40	D. POWER FIRE VEHICLE COMPUTERS GIFT	\$0.00	\$16,000.00		-\$0.05	\$15,999.95	\$15,999.95	\$15,999.95	\$0.00
3306-40	D. POWER ASSESSOR-DESK AND CHAIR GIFT	\$0.00	\$1,027.00			\$1,027.00	\$1,027.00	\$1,027.00	\$0.00
3307-40	D. POWER CONFINED SPACE EQUIPMENT GIFT	\$0.00	\$9,700.00		-\$16.20	\$9,683.80	\$9,683.80	\$9,683.80	\$0.00
3308-40	D. POWER PORTABLE RADIOS GIFT	\$0.00	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
3309-40	D. POWER ELECTION FURNITURE GIFT	\$0.00	\$1,107.39			\$1,107.39	\$1,107.39	\$1,107.39	\$0.00
3311-40	D. POWER TOWN HALL SIGN GIFT	\$0.00	\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
3560-40	D. POWER PRIME TIME BUILDING	\$4,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$2,026.27	\$2,026.27	\$1,973.73
3660-40	D. POWER ASSESSORS OFFICE FURNITURE	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3950-40	D. POWER TOWN SOFTWARE	\$3,000.00	\$0.00		-\$2,750.00	-\$2,750.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
3196-40	D. POWER TOWN CLERK-COMPUTER EQUIP.	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3185-40	D. POWER HIGHWAY 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK	\$473.72	\$0.00		-\$473.72	-\$473.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3710-07	D. POWER POLICE CRUISER	\$7,918.58	\$24,081.42		-\$581.00	\$23,500.42	\$31,419.00	\$31,419.00	\$0.00
3710-08	D. POWER POLICE CRUISER	\$0.00	\$21,984.00			\$21,984.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,984.00
3320-40	TREE PLANTING GIFT	\$500.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
3330-40	DARE	\$229.82	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$229.82	\$229.82	\$0.00
3340-40	FIRE	\$6,125.58	\$4,021.00			\$4,021.00	\$1,614.03	\$4,307.82	\$5,838.76
3350-40	COUNCIL ON AGING	\$18,461.23	\$3,314.80			\$3,314.80	\$826.61	\$826.61	\$20,949.42
3370-40	COUNCIL ON AGING-ROMERO	\$38,118.51	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$2,453.58	\$2,453.58	\$35,664.93
3500-40	PRIME TIME	\$4,147.77	\$7,943.60			\$7,943.60	\$7,414.60	\$7,414.60	\$4,676.77
3380-40	PRIME TIME-ROMERO	\$36,026.87	\$17,000.00			\$17,000.00	\$23,159.06	\$24,294.06	\$28,732.81
3410-40	LIBRARY ARTS	\$735.00	\$6.00			\$6.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$41.00
3390-40	LIBRARY	\$8,821.21	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,821.21
3420-40	HISTORICAL-SEGREGANSETT SCHOOL	\$985.90	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,485.90
3430-40	CABLE	\$47,424.63	\$7,216.00			\$7,216.00	\$10,223.64	\$10,223.64	\$44,416.99
3220-40	CONSERVATION-BRIARWOOD	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL GIFTS & DONATIONS		\$203,101.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$204,095.27

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

OTHER:

3197-40	BC ANTI-CRIME TASK FORCE	\$0.00	\$14,640.37			\$14,640.37	\$2,004.97	\$13,411.44	\$1,228.93
3198-40	MUSIC ANTITRUST SETTLEMENT	\$0.00	\$325.86			\$325.86		\$0.00	\$325.86
3840-03	FIRE TRUCK/BLDG. INS. PROCEEDS	\$4,350.65	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$2,983.00	\$2,983.00	\$1,367.65
3841-08	TH STONEWALL INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	\$0.00	\$5,626.50			\$5,626.50	\$4,240.00	\$4,240.00	\$1,386.50
3845-07	POLICE CRUISERS INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$31.32	\$5,000.00	\$5,831.32	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
4115-40	TRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,831.32
4125-40	MUNICIPLE BUILDING INSURANCE FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31.32	\$15,000.00	\$36,424.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL OTHER		\$4,750.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,627.97	\$21,034.44	\$20,140.26

C.44 S. 53G ACCOUNTS-OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

4065-40	WELLINGTON ACRES 53G	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$24.04	-\$1,324.04	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
4067-40	WELLINGTON ACRES LLC 53G	\$0.00	\$4,475.00	\$36.31	-\$170.51	\$4,340.80	\$4,340.80	\$4,340.80	\$0.00
4068-40	MANHEIM NEW ENGLAND 53G	\$0.00	\$1,850.00			\$1,850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,850.00
4075-40	RONALD MEDEIROS 53G	\$1,075.68		\$28.60		\$28.60	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$104.28

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS FY, 2008

RECEIPTS

User Fees	\$179,829.53	
Assessments	\$0.00	
Interest on Late Payments	\$484.84	
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	\$1,748.11	
By-Law Books	\$0.00	
Permits	\$0.00	
Drainlayers Permits	\$450.00	
Connection Fees	\$6,550.00	
Application Fees	\$375.00	
Sale of Inventory	\$0.00	
Earnings on Investments	\$16,774.65	
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$0.00	
TOTAL FY 2008 REVENUES		\$206,212.13
FY09 Revenue Received Not Yet Due	<u>\$0.00</u>	

Total Cash Receipts		\$206,212.13
Cash Balance 7/1/07		<u>\$616,324.12</u>
		<u><u>\$822,536.25</u></u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary & Wages	\$68,275.58	
Expenditures	\$125,106.95	
Capital Outlay	\$0.00	
Annual Capital Expense	\$16,307.50	
Indirect Costs (Transfer to General Fund)	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements		\$217,690.03
Prior Year Expended in FY2008		\$0.00
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/08		<u>(\$5,199.02)</u>
		\$212,491.01
Cash Balance 6/30/08		<u>\$610,045.24</u>
		<u><u>\$822,536.25</u></u>

SEWER ENTERPRISE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET ENTRIES

	Budget	Actual	Difference
REVENUES			
User Fees	\$180,000.00	\$188,272.31	\$8,272.31
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	\$0.00	\$1,748.11	\$1,748.11
Interest	\$0.00	\$484.84	\$484.84
By-Law Books	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Drain Layers Permits	\$750.00	\$450.00	(\$300.00)
Connection Fees	\$23,000.00	\$6,550.00	(\$16,450.00)
Application Fees	\$1,725.00	\$375.00	(\$1,350.00)
Earnings on Investments	\$22,000.00	\$16,774.65	(\$5,225.35)
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$425.00	\$0.00	(\$425.00)
Total Receipts	\$228,000.00	\$214,654.91	(\$13,345.09)
EXPENDITURES:			
Sewer Budget	\$330,700.75	\$209,690.03	\$121,010.72
Prior Year Expended in FY2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to General Fund	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Total Budget	\$338,700.75	\$217,690.03	\$121,010.72
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE			
Unreserved Fund Balance 7/1/07	\$607,956.34		\$607,956.34
Revenues	\$214,654.91		(\$13,345.09)
Expenditures	(\$217,690.03)		\$121,010.72
Unreserved Fund Balance 6/30/08	\$604,921.22		(\$110,700.75)
			\$604,921.22
Retained Earnings Certified by the Bureau of Accounts of September 28, 2007 was \$ 607,956			

TRUST FUNDS, FY 2008

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
RECEIPTS
Donations:

	\$0.00	
Total Cash Receipts		\$0.00
Cash Balance 7/1/07		<u>\$20,661.25</u>
		<u>\$20,661.25</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Cash Balance 6/30/08		<u>\$20,661.25</u>
*****		<u>\$20,661.25</u>

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
RECEIPTS

Earnings on Investments:		
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	\$700.10	
Charles Chase School Fund	\$107.75	
Library Founders Memorial Fund	\$98.17	
Law Enforcement	\$9.16	
Total Cash Receipts		\$915.18
Cash Balance 7/1/07		<u>\$4,105.05</u>
		<u>\$5,020.23</u>

DISBURSEMENTS		
Cemeteries-Maintenance & Care	\$951.07	
Charles Chase-Scholarships	\$50.00	
Total Cash Disbursements		\$1,001.07
Cash Balance 6/30/08		<u>\$4,019.16</u>
*****		<u>\$5,020.23</u>

OTHER TRUST FUNDS

RECEIPTS		
Earnings on Investments:		
Stabilization Fund	\$32,566.82	
Unemployment Fund	\$1,290.04	
Call Firefighters Dis. Fund	\$560.35	
Other Receipts:		
Transfers from Capital Projects	\$200,000.00	
Transfers from General Fund	\$72,772.72	
Total Cash Receipts		\$307,189.93
Cash Balance 7/1/07		<u>\$872,976.43</u>
		<u>\$1,180,166.36</u>

DISBURSEMENTS		
Unemployment	\$4,473.02	
Call Firefighters Dis. Fund	\$0.00	
Transfers to General Fund-Stabilization	\$393,504.58	
Total Cash Disbursements		\$397,977.60
Cash Balance 6/30/08		<u>\$782,188.76</u>
		<u>\$1,180,166.36</u>

TRUST FUND BALANCE

FUND NUMBER	FUND BALANCE 7/1/2007	4830 CONT. & DONATIONS	4820 EARNINGS ON INVEST.	4970 TRANSFERS IN	TOTAL RECEIPTS	51XX- 57XX EXPEND.	59XX TRANSFERS OUT	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2008
TRUST FUNDS									
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS									
7100-40									
CEMETERIES PERPETUAL CARE	\$18,046.75				\$0.00			\$0.00	\$18,046.75
7110-40	\$1,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00	\$1,000.00
CHARLES CHASE SCHOOL FUND									
7120-40	\$1,410.00				\$0.00			\$0.00	\$1,410.00
LIBRARY FOUNDERS MEMORIAL FUND									
7130-40	\$204.50				\$0.00			\$0.00	\$204.50
LAW ENFORCEMENT									
TOTAL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	\$20,661.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,661.25
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS									
7400-40									
CEMETERIES PERPETUAL CARE	\$950.09		\$700.10		\$700.10	\$951.07		\$951.07	\$699.12
7410-40	\$1,893.06		\$107.75		\$107.75	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$1,950.81
CHARLES CHASE SCHOOL FUND									
7420-40	\$1,221.01		\$98.17		\$98.17			\$0.00	\$1,319.18
LIBRARY FOUNDERS MEMORIAL FUND									
7430-40	\$40.89		\$9.16		\$9.16	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$50.05
LAW ENFORCEMENT									
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	\$4,105.05	\$0.00	\$915.18	\$0.00	\$915.18	\$1,001.07	\$0.00	\$1,001.07	\$4,019.16
OTHER TRUST FUNDS									
7700-40									
STABILIZATION	\$831,647.88		\$32,566.82	\$272,772.72	\$305,339.54		\$393,504.58	\$393,504.58	\$743,482.84
7710-40	\$28,830.06		\$1,290.04		\$1,290.04	\$4,473.02		\$4,473.02	\$25,647.08
UNEMPLOYMENT									
7720-40	\$12,498.49		\$560.35		\$560.35	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$13,058.84
CALL FIREFIGHTERS DIS. FUND									
TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS	\$872,976.43	\$0.00	\$34,417.21	\$272,772.72	\$307,189.93	\$4,473.02	\$393,504.58	\$397,977.60	\$782,188.76

AGENCY FUNDS, FY 2008

RECEIPTS

Federal Withholding Tax	\$256,003.06	
Medicare Withholding Tax	\$35,275.21	
State Withholding Tax	\$130,399.27	
County Retirement Withholdings	\$186,112.77	
Group Insurance Deductions	\$163,672.26	
Dental Ins. Withholdings	\$11,953.55	
Concord Life Insurance Withholdings	\$4,362.73	
Colonial Supplemental Insurance Withholdings	\$84.60	
AFLAC Withholdings	\$7,098.11	
Union Dues-Highway	\$1,997.38	
Union Dues-Clerical	\$6,206.06	
Union Dues-Police	\$4,576.00	
Union Dues-Fire	\$2,160.00	
Miscellaneous Deductions	\$10,208.38	
Deferred Compensation Withholdings	\$36,854.52	
Obra Withholdings	\$23,147.14	
Comm. of Mass.-Fish & Game Licenses	\$2,245.75	
Comm. of Mass.-FID Licenses	\$9,150.00	
County of Bristol-Sale of Dogs	\$0.00	
County of Bristol-Dog Licenses	\$830.00	
DWD Tax Revenue	\$1,004,098.05	
DED Tax Revenue	\$88,036.22	
NDFD Tax Revenue	\$177,693.82	
Off Duty Work Detail-Police	\$147,624.75	
Off Duty Work Detail-Fire	\$11,627.88	
Off Duty Work Detail-Other	\$0.00	
Group Insurance Receipts	\$98,752.96	
Unclaimed Items	\$0.00	
Performance Bonds-Earnings on Investments	\$32,200.34	
Performance Bonds Received/Refunded	<u>(\$158,000.00)</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		\$2,294,370.81
Cash Balance 7/1/07		<u>\$961,267.20</u>
		<u><u>\$3,255,638.01</u></u>

AGENCY FUNDS

DISBURSEMENTS

Federal Withholding Tax	\$256,003.06	
Medicare Withholding Tax	\$35,275.21	
State Withholding Tax	\$130,399.27	
County Retirement Withholdings	\$186,141.32	
Group Insurance Deductions	\$169,380.41	
Dental Ins. Withholdings	\$12,104.12	
Concord Life Insurance Withholdings	\$4,616.34	
Colonial Supplemental Insurance Withholdings	\$84.60	
AFLAC Withholdings	\$6,798.92	
Union Dues-Highway	\$1,999.82	
Union Dues-Clerical	\$6,159.50	
Union Dues-Police	\$4,576.00	
Union Dues-Fire	\$2,160.00	
Miscellaneous Deductions	\$10,237.84	
Deferred Compensation Withholdings	\$36,854.52	
Obra Withholdings	\$23,147.14	
DWD Tax Revenue	\$1,004,098.05	
DED Tax Revenue	\$88,036.22	
NDFD Tax Revenue	\$177,693.82	
Comm. of Mass.-Fish & Game Licenses	\$2,245.75	
Comm. of Mass.-FID Licenses	\$11,587.50	
County of Bristol-Sale of Dogs	\$0.00	
County of Bristol-Dog Licenses	\$1,472.25	
Off Duty Work Detail-Police	\$141,689.25	
Off Duty Work Detail-Fire	\$11,627.88	
Group Insurance Receipts	\$99,667.15	
Unclaimed Items	\$0.00	
Performance Bonds	\$0.00	
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Total Cash Disbursements		\$2,424,055.94
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/07		<hr/> (\$10,374.80)
		\$2,413,681.14
Cash Balance 6/30/08		<hr/> \$841,956.87
		<hr/> <hr/> \$3,255,638.01

AGENCY FUNDS BALANCE

FUND NUMBER	AGENCY FUNDS	FUND BALANCE 7/1/2007	RECEIPTS IN	EARNINGS ON INVEST.	RECLASSIFY TO PROJECT	REFUNDS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	DISBURSE .OUT	ADJUST/ CORRECTIONS	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2008
8000-40	PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$256,003.06				\$256,003.06	\$256,003.06		\$256,003.06	\$0.00
8010-40	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$35,275.21				\$35,275.21	\$35,275.21		\$35,275.21	\$0.00
8020-40	MEDICARE WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$130,399.27				\$130,399.27	\$130,399.27		\$130,399.27	\$0.00
8030-40	STATE WITHHOLDINGS										
8030-40	COUNTY RETIREMENT WITHHOLDINGS	\$3,353.59	\$186,112.77				\$186,112.77	\$186,141.32		\$186,141.32	\$3,325.04
8040-40	GROUP INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$12,775.57	\$163,672.26				\$163,672.26	\$169,380.41		\$169,380.41	\$7,067.42
8045-40	DENTAL INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$79.13	\$11,953.55				\$11,953.55	\$12,104.12		\$12,104.12	-\$71.44
8050-40	CONCORD LIFE INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$393.16	\$4,362.73				\$4,362.73	\$4,616.34		\$4,616.34	\$139.55
8055-40	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE W/H	\$0.00	\$84.60				\$84.60	\$84.60		\$84.60	\$0.00
8060-40	AFLAC DISABILITY INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$33.14	\$7,098.11				\$7,098.11	\$6,798.92		\$6,798.92	\$332.33
8070-40	HIGHWAY UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$43.44	\$1,997.38				\$1,997.38	\$1,999.82		\$1,999.82	\$41.00
8075-40	CLERICAL UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$162.50	\$6,206.06				\$6,206.06	\$6,159.50		\$6,159.50	\$209.06
8080-40	POLICE UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$88.00	\$4,576.00				\$4,576.00	\$4,576.00		\$4,576.00	\$88.00
8090-40	FIRE UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$180.00	\$2,160.00				\$2,160.00	\$2,160.00		\$2,160.00	\$180.00
8120/50/60-40	MISCELLANEOUS WITHHOLDINGS	\$197.46	\$10,208.38				\$10,208.38	\$10,237.84		\$10,237.84	\$168.00
8130-40	DEFERRED COMPENSATION WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$36,854.52				\$36,854.52	\$36,854.52		\$36,854.52	\$0.00
8140-40	OBRA WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$23,147.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,147.14	\$23,147.14	\$0.00	\$23,147.14	\$0.00
		\$17,305.99	\$880,111.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$880,111.04	\$885,938.07	\$0.00	\$885,938.07	\$11,478.96
DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS											
8400-40	FISH & GAME LICENCES	\$30.90	\$2,245.75				\$2,245.75	\$2,245.75		\$2,245.75	\$30.90
8410-40	POLICE FID CARDS	\$12,347.50	\$9,150.00				\$9,150.00	\$11,587.50		\$11,587.50	\$9,910.00
8500-40	DOG LICENCES	\$642.25	\$830.00				\$830.00	\$1,472.25		\$1,472.25	\$0.00
8220-40	DWD TAX REVENUE	\$0.00	\$1,004,098.05				\$1,004,098.05	\$1,004,098.05		\$1,004,098.05	\$0.00
8230-40	DED TAX REVENUE	\$0.00	\$88,036.22				\$88,036.22	\$88,036.22		\$88,036.22	\$0.00
8240-40	NDFD TAX REVENUE	\$0.00	\$177,693.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$177,693.82	\$177,693.82	\$0.00	\$177,693.82	\$0.00
		\$13,020.65	\$1,282,053.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,282,053.84	\$1,285,133.59	\$0.00	\$1,285,133.59	\$9,940.90

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS ANALYSIS

06/30/08

Date	Loan	Percent	Outstanding 6/30/2007	Paid Principal FY 2008	Borrowed FY 2008	Outstanding 6/30/2008
	<u>INSIDE DEBT LIMIT</u>					
	<u>OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT</u>					
Jan. 1984	Sewer Step # 3	5.0	\$18,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00
Dec. 1984	Sewer Step # 3	5.0	\$34,200.00	\$11,400.00	\$0.00	\$22,800.00
Oct. 1986	Sewer Step # 3	5.0	\$107,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$0.00	\$86,000.00
Apr. 2001	Title V	0.0	\$92,322.00	\$7,114.00	\$0.00	\$85,208.00
July 2003	Landfill Closure	2.5% to 4.0%	\$373,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	<u>\$318,000.00</u>
Totals			\$625,022.00	\$104,014.00	\$0.00	\$521,008.00
LEASES PAYABLE						
July, 2004 5 Years	2004 Ambulance		\$52,834.92	\$25,919.38	\$0.00	\$26,915.54
			<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Totals			\$52,834.92	\$25,919.38	\$0.00	\$26,915.54

COUNCIL ON AGING 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

It shall be the mission of the Dighton Council on Aging to promote, evaluate and encourage new and existing activities and services which will enhance the quality of life of elders living in the Town of Dighton.

Both, The Council on Aging and Prime Time, are governed by the Council on Aging Board of Directors, which is comprised of nine members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. All are welcome to attend our open meetings. The Dighton Council on Aging staff and board work diligently to meet the needs of those over 60.

Sheila Neu, Anabela Powell and Sharon Raposa continue to do an exceptional job on carrying on their duties and responsibilities at the Council on Aging and Prime Time. Jerry Toolie has left our employ and we now have Robert Burns as our custodian. Board Member Carol Nagle, has resigned for personal reasons and taking her place is Jeffrey Allie.

Prime Time continues to grow and exceeds our expectations. Our Caregiver program has been very successful as well as our Wellness Program. All seniors are welcome to attend our Wellness Program, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Clinics once a month, at Lincoln Village. Our professional nurses are on hand to help increase awareness on ways to stay healthy. We encourage our seniors to attend our weekly programs, Tai Chi, Exercise, Cards, Knitting and Crafts, etc.

All seniors over the age of 60 should be receiving our monthly newsletter "The Strawberry Vine". Although it is not published July and August we encourage you to call 508-823-0095 and let us know if you do not receive one.

In conclusion we would like to thank our devoted Staff, the Board of Selectmen, Elected Officials, Town Departments, Volunteers, and the Citizens of our Town who are always supportive. Many thanks for their continued cooperation in helping to meet the needs of our elderly. We would like to thank the Dighton Housing Authority for allowing us the office space at Lincoln Village. We look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

DIGHTON COUNCIL ON AGING

Alice E. Souza, Director

Harold Mendoza, Chairman

Thomas Ferry, Vice Chairman

Joan Woods, Secretary

Dr. James Hoye

Gloria Johnson

Nicholas Santore

Roberta Perry

Joseph Lawrence

Jeffrey Allie

OFFICE OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

We are beginning our work for the Certification Revaluation for Fiscal Year 2010.

Much work is involved in arriving at the correct equal valuations that conform to the Massachusetts General Laws.

New values will be based on sales through the 2008 calendar year.

The values for Fiscal Year 2009 were based on sales through the calendar year of 2007. These values were affected by 3 factors:

Increased values on Cape style homes reflected by higher sale prices VS. value at the time of the sale.

The retro affect of the first half preliminary tax bill being based on prior year tax rate and values, and the second half including the first half catch-up difference and the Fiscal Year 2009 new rate. Land values increasing by 1%

We are happy to say the levy limit for Fiscal Year 2009 was under our maximum allowed limit by over \$43,000.00. Had we been at the max levy limit allowed we would have had a higher tax rate. This was achieved by all Departments working closely with their budgets and the finance committee. As a taxpayer in this town I personally would like to thank all the town departments and the school committee.

We would also like to thank Valerie Wilson; she has successfully completed the Assessors Course 101 at UMASS Amherst in August 2008 and has achieved the Assistant Assessors position. Valerie has continued to help keep this office running smoothly with the extra work that has been taking on since we have been one person short in this office for many months.

As always please feel free to come into this office with any questions or concerns you may have on valuations, exemptions and abatements for Real Estate and Motor Vehicle.

Board of Assessors,

Carol Beauregard
Joseph Silva
Pauline Smith

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Two hundred forty-one building Permits were issued for 2008.

New Homes	21
Additions or Alterations	75
Large Accessory Buildings	8
Commercial	0
Garages	2
Schools	0
Religious	0
Swimming Pools	6
Wood Stoves	74
Temporary Mobil Homes	0
Demolitions	4
Misc. (fences, small bldgs., decks & signs)	51

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the secretaries in our office, our Fire Chief, Antone Roderick, along with the Health Agent, Joe Pacheco, and all others who have assisted me in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Lawrence Building Inspector

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The members of the Cable Advisory Committee have filmed the Selectmen's meeting each week and other town events. At long last, the new scroll system was installed and we are working to implement a fully authorized playback system by April. Selectmen meetings are now played back every Friday evening at 7:00 PM. With the automatic system, meetings will be shown at several different times each week not requiring personnel to be at the studio. We are still looking for volunteers as the station is everyone's chance for input.

Respectfully submitted,

DIGHTON CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ed Olney, Chairman
Roberta Perry
Jim Ready
Ron Smith

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Charles C. Hoffshire did the mowing again this year.

Lots in the Riverside Cemetery are available for sale through Arthur Morton, Burial Agent.

The donation of property by the Pedo Baptist Congregational Society of Dighton to be used as a Veterans Cemetery has been accepted by the Board of Selectmen. An engineer has been hired to survey the property so that a deed may be issued and recorded.

Lack of funds makes it impossible to provide the work necessary to maintain all of the town's cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Arthur Morton, Burial Officer

Elaine B. Varley, Clerk

Thomas Ferry

TOWN COLLECTOR RECONCILIATION WORKSHEET

TOWN	BEGINNING BALANCE	COMMITMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ABATEMENTS	TAX TITLE	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTORS CALCULATION	OUTSTANDING		ACCOUNTANT
									PRINTOUT REPT. BALS.	MY CORRECTIONS NEEDED	
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REAL ESTATE											
FY2008		10,187,196.22	26,735.88	9,652,255.78	104,398.95	64,036.22		393,241.15	393,241.15		393,241.15
FY2007	299,957.62		999.27	193,924.14	999.27	41,627.52		64,405.96	64,405.96		64,405.96
FY2006	55,031.36		1,554.94	17,937.47	1,554.94	34,421.95		2,671.94	2,671.94		2,671.94
FY2005	13,298.95		1,231.23	6,521.35	1,231.23	5,535.23		1,242.37	1,242.37		1,242.37
FY2004			1,069.74		1,069.74			-			
FY2003											
FY2002											
PERSONAL PROPERTY											
FY2008		395,220.01	27.11	394,321.17				925.95	925.95		925.95
FY2007	321.09		64.28	336.31				49.06	49.06		49.06
FY2006	8.21							8.21	8.21		8.21
FY2005	9.70							9.70	9.71		9.70
FY2004											
FY2003											
FY2002											
+ - - - -											
MOTOR VEHICLE											
FY2008		715,836.18	7,197.35	643,232.61	16,818.32			62,982.60	62,982.60		62,982.60
FY2007	90,429.39	116,554.14	6,218.88	185,201.59	10480.79			17520.03	17520.03		17520.03
FY2006	18,879.56	24,182.87	735.00	28,268.44	3,284.70			12244.29	12244.29		12244.29
FY2005	6,239.94	3,081.26	766.14	5,317.55	870.51			3899.28	3899.28		3899.28
FY2004	3,630.66		56.25	293.33	56.25			3,337.33	3337.33		3337.33
FY2003	4,572.95			1,328.24				3244.71	3244.71		3244.71
FY2002	2,253.34			171.15				2082.19	2082.19		2082.19
FY2001	1,895.52							1,895.52	1,895.52		1,895.52
FY2000	1,947.31			127.50				1,819.81	1,819.81		1,819.81
FY1999	1,770.95							1,770.95	1,770.95		1,770.95

FY1998	2,497.92			2,497.92	2,497.92
FY1997	2,151.37			2,151.37	2,151.37
FY1996	1,292.00			1,292.00	1,292.00
FY1995	2,854.48			2,784.48	2,784.48
FY1994	2,920.84		70.00	2,785.63	2,785.63
FY1993	761.25		135.21	761.25	761.25
FY1992	1,094.89	115.00		979.89	979.89
FY1991	1,253.13	27.50		1,225.63	1,225.63
FY1990	2,226.47	70.00		2,156.47	2,156.47
FY1989	1,870.31	75.00		1,795.31	1,795.31
FY1988	914.38	22.50		891.88	891.88
FY1987	349.07			349.07	349.07
PRIOR YEARS			205.21		130,467.61
					130,467.61

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NO. DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT	BEGINNING BALANCE	+		-		-		-		COLLECTORS CALCULATION	PRINTOUT REPT. BALS.	CORRECTIONS NEEDED		ACCOUNTANT
		COMMITMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ABATEMENTS	TAX TITLE	ADJUSTMENTS							
REAL ESTATE														
FY2008		178,340.69		174,429.69	102.96	939.79		2,868.25	2,868.25	2,868.25	2,868.25		2,875.85	
FY2007	925.63			925.10				0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53		0.53	
FY2006	358.54			358.54				-	-	-	-		-	
FY2005	179.00			179.00				-	-	-	-		-	
FY2004														
PERSONAL PROPERTY														
FY2008		1,618.66	3.26	1,599.76				22.16	22.16	22.16	22.16		22.16	
FY2007	17.84		2.31	20.15				-	-	-	-		-	
FY2006	1.09							1.09	1.09	1.09	1.09		1.09	
FY2005	1.32							1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32		1.32	
FY2004														

ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT		BEGINNING BALANCE	COMMITMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ABATEMENTS	TAX TITLE	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTORS CALCULATION	PRINTOUT REPT. BALS.	CORRECTIONS NEEDED	ACCOUNTANT
				+	-	-	-					
REAL ESTATE												
FY2008			88,037.75	50.94		84,105.08	130.13	336.80	3,516.68	3,516.68		
FY2007	3,114.04					2,038.19		346.25	729.60	729.60		
FY2006	469.74			24.12		215.48	24.12	254.26	-			
FY2005	137.92			18.48		74.21	18.48	45.42	18.29	18.29		
FY2004				17.00			17.00		-			
FY2003									-			
PERSONAL PROPERTY												
FY2008			1,124.11			1,119.44			4.67	4.67		
FY2007	0.01			1.30		0.90			0.41	0.41		
FY2006	0.07								0.07	0.07		
FY2005	0.07								0.07	0.07		
FY2004									-			
FY2003												

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Spayed/Neutered</u>
Female	10	
Female	76	Spayed
Male	20	
Male	102	Neutered

<u>Tag No</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Dogs</u>	<u>Owner Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Kennel Fee</u>
X10	12-May-08	Ten Dogs or Less	Robin Laine	2043 Somerset Ave.	25.00
X9	12-May-08	Ten Dogs or Less	Rita Araujo	1423 Williams St.	25.00
X8	07-May-08	Ten Dogs or Less	Kerri Lopes	1187 Smith St.	25.00
X7	07-Apr-08	Ten Dogs or Less	Betty Angell	1711 Winthrop St.	25.00
X2	06-May-08	Four Dogs or Less	Irene Chater	2477 Maple Swamp Rd.	10.00
X1	02-Apr-08	Four Dogs or Less	Joyce DiBona	2430 Elm St.	10.00
X16	08-May-08	More than 10 Dogs	William Frenette	563 Hart St.	50.00
X15	17-Apr-08	More than 10 Dogs	Karen Veltri	2188 Cedar St.	50.00
X14	02-Apr-08	More than 10 Dogs	Jean Kelly	2285 Winthrop St.	50.00
X13	02-Apr-08	More than 10 Dogs	Tony Roderick	2835 County St.	50.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby respectfully submit my fourth annual report for the Dighton Fire Department as required by Section 42 of Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

I would like to welcome the newest members of our department Jeffrey Gagnon, Jr., Raymond Johnson, Keith Pontes and David Silvia. Three of these members will be attending the Call Firefighter Training Academy in Fall River in early 2009. We all look forward to working with you in the future and wish them luck at the Academy.

As always, I would like to extend my thanks to Thomas Medeiros and Christopher Maguy for their efforts in running a successful Junior Firefighters Program for the Department, these two devote a lot of their own time in teaching the young people of our community. Once again, thank you to Christopher Ready for his continuing efforts in Fire Prevention. To Frederick Wilbur, thank you for making the Safe Program something the children in our schools look forward to every year. To Stephen Alvarez, thank you for your efforts in keeping our Paramedic Program up and running. Thank you to Lt. Christopher Maguy, Training Officer for the Department for keeping the Departments Training up to date. Thank you to all of the officers for your continuing hard work in training and all that you do, it is much appreciated. Thank you to all of the members of the department for all of your hard work and dedication throughout the past year, and thank you to those of you who have also volunteered your time over the past year.

As always, the training of both EMT's and Firefighters is ongoing. While most of our training is done in house, the Massachusetts Fire Academy also has many programs open to all firemen and some of these classes are held in Dighton and surrounding communities. Many of our firefighters and EMT' s have taken advantage of these classes. Congratulations to those of you who have completed these classes and also congratulations to two of our members who passed their Basic EMT State Exams, Jeffrey Gagnon, Jr. and Keith Lathe.

Once again, with Grants received from the Dighton Power Plant, we were able to purchase several new pieces of equipment, some of which were alerting pagers, a skid unit for Forestry 1 and we were able to update some of our aging fire hose. Also this year we received a grant from SRPEDD (Homeland Security Grant Funding) to upgrade the Fire and Police communications infrastructure. This grant enabled us to upgrade our current communications equipment and give us a completed backup system. This year we were also fortunate to once again receive the SAFE Grant, which allows us to continue our Fire Education Programs in the schools and community.

All work has been completed on the addition the North Fire Station. The addition was greatly needed by the Fire Department so that apparatus and equipment would be able to be stored inside and out of the weather.

The Fire Department has responded to a total of 940 calls. Of these 940 calls, 584 were for medical emergencies and 356 were for fire related emergencies.

I would also like to take a moment to comment on the need for a new Fire Engine, the new engine will be used to replace Engine 1 (which was disposed of due to extensive engine and body problems, along with safety-related issues) and the Special Hazards (which was taken out of service earlier in the year due to failing the State and DOT inspections for extensive drive train and safety related issues). This fall, the bids were opened and it was awarded to KME Fire Apparatus of New England. At this time, the Town's new Rescue/Pumper is being built and we expect delivery sometime mid-year of 2009.

Finally, I would also like to thank Chief Robert MacDonald and the members of the police department, former Superintendent Paul DeMoura and the newly appointed Superintendent Thomas Ferry and the members of his department and the members of the communications

department for all of your help and hard work. And finally, thank you to the Board of Selectmen in your vote of confidence. I hope to be able to continue to provide the community with the highest level of emergency medical and fire services and I look forward to working with everyone in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Antone P. Roderick, Jr.,
Chief of the Fire Department

DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ROSTER AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

ANTONE P. RODERICK, JR., CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Allie, Irene*
Biello, Nicholas*
Carr, Matthew*
Ferreira, Constance*
Gagnon, Jeffrey (Lieutenant)
Gagnon, Jeffrey Jr.*
Holt, Jonathan*
Horton, Neil**
Johnson, Raymond
Lain, Keith*
Lehane, Brian*
Lynds, Christopher*
Maguy, Christopher* (Lieutenant)
Maguy, Michael (Captain)
Medeiros, Thomas**
Pine, Jr., Samuel

Alvarez, Stephen**
Pontes, Keith
Pontes, Stephen (Captain)
Ready, Christopher** (Lieutenant)
Ready, Mark*
Rego, Lori*
Rego, Robert*
Silvia, David
Smus, Joseph (Deputy Chief)
Torres, Peter*
Turner, Lincoln*
Urban, Shawn
White, Joseph T., Jr.**
Wilbur, Frederick**

**Full Time Fireman/EMT's * EMT's

PERMITS FOR YEAR ENDING 2008

Black Powder	0
Underground Storage	0
Tank Truck Inspections	17
Blasting Permits	0
Building Plan Review	35
Cutting & Welding	2
Carbon Monoxide Inspection	124
Oil Storage	37
L.P. Gas Storage	23
Smoke Detectors	98
Underground Tank Removal	3
Open Burning Permits	525
Waste Oil	0
Above Ground Storage	0
Fireworks	1
Gasoline Storage	4
Fire Protection System Repaired	4
Fire Protection System Installation	1
TOTAL PERMITS	874

Inspections have been made in accordance with Section One (1) of Chapter 148 of all buildings licensed by and under the supervision of the Department of Public Health.

CALL INFORMATION FOR 2008

Ambulance Calls -	
No Transport	102
Motor Vehicle Accident	92
Mutual Aid	119
Medical Calls	271
TOTAL CALLS	584
Fire Calls -	
Building Fire	5
Vehicle Fire	8
Brush Fire	21
False Alarm	78
Gas Leak	22
Illegal Burning	18
Carbon Monoxide	25
Other Calls*	179
TOTAL CALLS	356

*Other Calls - smoke investigation, power line down, motor vehicle accidents, mutual aid, smoke investigations, alarm malfunction, unknown.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

The calendar year, 2008, was a very busy time and one filled with complaints, violations, events and activities. We received animal complaints involving ducks, cats, dogs, goats, donkeys, peacocks, and Guinea hens. The ongoing duck problem again led to legal action and continues to be a source of complaints and legal costs to the town. We were fortunate to escape an outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus. Information regarding preventative measures was disseminated to reduce the possibility of infection from these mosquito-borne diseases.

The town held a large item pickup in April that resulted in the disposal of many computers, televisions, appliances, and other items that residents had stored for several years. We wish to remind residents to get landfill stickers so that they can dispose of large items at nominal fees when the transfer station is open on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The board continues to request the assistance of residents to make an extra effort to increase recycling and reduce waste. Recycling saves you and the town money because you use fewer trash bags and the town transports less material to the incinerator. Recycling saves valuable natural resources such as trees. Let's all get involved to make Dighton a greener community.

The board appointed Kevin Bernardo to the position of Health Agent. Kevin has been invaluable to us in responding to complaints and keeping up with inspections required by law. During the year there were a number of complaints regarding restaurants and food handling operations. All complaints were investigated and establishments were brought into compliance. Ongoing surprise inspections of restaurants and food handling operations will continue. We will not tolerate procedures that may cause illness or harm to our residents and the customers of these businesses.

Another area of concern was the proper procedures to be used when cleaning grease traps. Regulations require that a licensed septage hauler clean grease traps. It is the responsibility of the business owner or landlord in the case of leased premises, to make sure that grease traps are cleaned properly. Restaurant employees are prohibited from cleaning them.

The annual rabies clinic was held at the north fire station. Thank you to the fire department, the town clerk, and Dr. Bruzzi for their cooperation and assistance. A number of dogs were licensed at the clinic. We remind all residents to keep their dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies and to renew their licenses.

Several applications for low interest loans for citizens having to upgrade or replace existing septic systems were approved. If anyone needs assistance with this type of project, please contact our office.

The Stormwater Bylaw as required by the EPA was formulated along with regulations outlining best management practices. The five-year plan was updated. The bylaw was passed unanimously by voters. The problem of roadside trash continues to cost the town for cleanup. The highway department spent many hours providing this service. We urge all residents to do their part to keep our town clean.

There was a severe outbreak of bedbugs at the Whitney Academy. The owner and operator of the facility cooperated with the board and had the facility thoroughly cleaned by a professional extermination company. Town residents should be aware that bedbugs have become a serious problem all over the world. Travelers should be especially careful to check their luggage before

bringing it into their homes. Be aware of your surroundings because bedbugs have been reported in a number of public areas and not just in hotels and motels.

The board conducted on site inspections of infiltration basins to gather information upon which to make a decision regarding the request for a waiver of the requirement for underground drainage systems submitted by the developers of Puddingstone Estates. The board also inspected the proposed site of the development off Hart Street on Richmond Hill. Additional research was done on the Internet. We wish to express our appreciation to Atty. Marguerite Mitchell for her continued assistance with Ch. 40B developments.

In conclusion, we wish to thank our health agent, all town employees, our building and Title V inspectors, and residents for helping us to enforce our building and health codes to protect the public from illness and injury.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Goulart, Chairman
Edward D. Reese, Sr., Clerk
Thomas J. Pires, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Your highway department continued to be involved in many activities and perform duties for our community in addition to road maintenance. For example, it performed maintenance and repairs on several town buildings including the Prime Time building. In addition, it provided the excavation and installation services to connect the Prime Time building to the town's sewer line under the supervision and with the assistance of Antone Roderick. We express our appreciation to Tony for his expertise and cooperation that allowed us to complete the work with considerable savings to the town.

Services were provided to the town hall, school department, Prime Time, police and fire departments in the areas of plowing snow and sanding. Other areas of assistance included the Lights On celebration, set up of playground equipment, and routine maintenance of town vehicles.

The day-to-day operation of the transfer station/recycling center is another responsibility along with monitoring the testing and reporting program requirements of the DEP.

The department assisted the Board of Health with revision of the five-year Plan for Best Management Practices relative to the Stormwater Bylaw and regulations as mandated by the EPA. This department has ongoing responsibilities regarding stormwater monitoring and reporting and will work with the Board of Health to meet all requirements.

We maintain a regular schedule of tree and brush trimming. If residents notice areas along town roads or intersections needing services of this type, please call the highway department or the selectmen's office and leave a message identifying the location.

Another area that we continue to need assistance from residents deals with trash and roadside litter. We have spent many hours cleaning town property and roadsides. This is something that is everyone's responsibility. We know that people passing through town also generate trash and litter. We ask residents to do their part to help us keep our town clean. Please use trash receptacles located on town property when you attend events, visit playgrounds and ball fields, or just enjoy a quiet walk around the track.

We continue to work with the Board of Selectmen and monitor the progress of both the Berkley Dighton Bridge and Three Mile River Bridge replacement projects.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to the members of the highway department, police and fire departments, Boards of Selectmen and Health, all town employees and the citizens of the town for their continued cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ferry,
Highway Superintendent

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The mission of the Dighton Public Library is "to provide and improve general information, lifelong learning opportunities and a commons environment to Dighton residents and visitors. Opportunities for personal enrichment, intellectual stimulation, emotional development and recreation offered at and by the library enhance the quality of life in Dighton. Programs and services are offered in a friendly and timely manner. We are constantly striving to improve our services to meet the needs of our users and the community at large."

The services offered by the library continue to evolve as the needs of the community change. The year 2008 saw a 19.37% increase in items borrowed, with a total of 40,487 items borrowed from the Dighton Library. Dighton loaned over 9,276 items to the members of the SAILS network, and Dighton library users borrowed over 10,356 items from those same libraries. Over 2,000 residents are Dighton Public Library card holders, with 220 people getting new cards in 2008. This represents almost a third of Dighton's population,

Library users have access to library materials from home with an Internet connection and their Dighton Public Library card. Patrons have the ability to monitor their library account; reserve books from anywhere in Massachusetts; and check out electronic audio books, electronic books in a digital format, and the Tumblebooks collection of animated picture books for children. Information on auto repair is available with our subscription to the "Auto Repair Reference Center" (from the *Chilton's Total Car Care Manuals*) and home improvement questions can be answered with the "Home Improvement Reference Center." Homework and research help is available with the subscriptions to magazines, newspapers and scholarly journals that are accessible from the comfort of your home computer. In the year 2008, patrons checked out over 630 of these materials. These items are located on the library website, <http://www.dightonlibrary.org>.

The library offers free Internet access through a broadband Internet connection and also through a wireless signal. Library users took advantage of these services more than 440 times throughout the year, an increase of over 6% from the previous calendar year. As the economy continues to weaken, the Library would like to ensure that this service is available to all who need to access a computer – without a fee.

The Library experienced several staff changes during 2008. Long time Library Director Ann Rust left the Library in February. We are grateful for Ann's 15 years of service to the citizens of Dighton. Jocelyn Tavares was appointed in April as Library Director. Suzanne Dauteuil left the library to pursue other opportunities, and in late December, Brenda Carr was hired as the new Assistant Librarian in Adult and Technical Services. Other library staff includes Phyllis Haskell, as the Assistant Librarian in Circulation and Lorie Van Hook as the Assistant Youth Services Librarian. Britt Grealish-Rust is the Custodian of the library.

Over 200 Dighton children read for a total of 121 days in the statewide summer reading program, *Wild Reads @ Your Library*. Summer reading is an annual program that encourages children to read books and visit the library throughout summer vacation. Participants tracked their reading in person or online and wrote reviews of the books they read. The online program was funded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems.

The library hosted a series of educational events to complement the summer reading program. Animal Affair brought their traveling petting zoo, which attracted over 200 people; Jungle Encounters gave a wild animal demonstration and local favorites Toe Jam Puppet Band performed a wild pirate music show. These large events were supported by the Friends of the Dighton Public Library, and the generous donations of Torres Insurance Agency, Manheim

Auctions and the employees of KPMG. We are especially grateful for the use of the Dighton Pavilion, courtesy of the Dighton Lions.

During the school year, story times are offered to both toddlers and preschoolers on a weekly basis. An additional session of the popular Tot Time program has been added to Saturdays to accommodate the schedules of parents who may not be available during the work week. Special programs and parties are held for all ages, including themed programs, such as the Teddy Bear Story Time; seasonal and holiday programs; and concerts and puppet shows with local performers.

Over 40 adults participated in our adult summer reading program, reading over 400 books during July and August. Participants were invited to submit a raffle entry for every four books they read, and one \$25 Borders gift card was awarded as a grand prize and five \$5 Readmore Books gift certificates were also awarded.

We continue to offer home delivery of library materials to older adults and disabled residents who are unable to come to the library. Adult programming is offered, including book discussion groups, floral design, art workshops, computer instruction, local author talks, seasonal craft workshops, historical presentations and many others, offered at no charge or with nominal fees to cover the cost of materials.

The Library's museum pass program to seven museums and community attractions was supported with a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library. Library cardholders used this program over 200 times last year.

The Friends of the Library continue to meet regularly to support the library's mission. They are crucial to the operation of the library as they assist with their countless volunteer hours and sponsorship of popular programs.

The Dighton Library received \$8,658 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioner's State Aid program. To qualify for State Aid, a municipality and its library must be annually certified by the Board of Library Commissioners and in compliance with state statutes. Per M.G.L., Ch. 78, s. 19A and s. 19B, and current budget language, the library must meet a municipal appropriation requirement for the current fiscal year. Additionally, certain minimum standards of public library service must be provided during the previous fiscal year, including maintaining a minimum number of operating hours, an adequate materials budget and employment of a certified Library Director.

In August, the Governor and the Massachusetts Legislature signed House Bill 4993, an omnibus bond bill which contains many items for funding capital projects around the Commonwealth. Included in this bill is the funding of the Library Construction Grant Program as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The passage of this bill has effectively released construction grant money to 29 of the communities who had been on the waiting list for funding. The provisional award amount to Dighton is \$2,341,560, which includes an increase of 15% interest from the original award amount.

Library usage is up, both with in-library services and from the patron's home computer. We continue to strive to meet the needs of our library users in all of the formats and ways that they require information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Tavares, Library Director
Lynn Dupont, Trustee
Ginny Berube, Trustee
Ron O'Connor, Trustee

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The calendar year 2009 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The Project was established in 1958 as a result of numerous human and horse cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project has greatly reduced the exposure to this arbovirus and also the newly introduced West Nile virus.

Since the 1958 formation much has changed. New biological larvicides have been developed and used to suppress mosquito emergence. The Project has acquired new GPS guidance systems for the trucks and GIS mapping capabilities. Newer environmentally sensitive adulticides have been developed and adopted by the Project. During water management projects, low ground pressure machines are used to reduce secondary impacts to the environment. Increased mosquito surveillance, the cornerstone of Integrated Pest Management, continues every summer. The addition of molecular techniques by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health increased sensitivity of virus isolations and decreased turnaround time between collections and results.

For the past 5 years, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project reported the most EEE isolations from mosquitoes in Massachusetts. During the 2008 mosquito season, over 29,000 mosquitoes were collected. There were 11 isolations of EEE with 2 collections from human biting mosquitoes and one confirmed horse case reported for the County. We had 20 mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported human or horse cases. This year posed a first in Bristol County's history when ground based adulticide interventions were completed to combat two different arboviruses, many times on the same night. To date the towns of Freetown, Berkley, Acushnet, and New Bedford are in the High-risk category for EEE and 100% of Bristol County is in the High-risk category for WNV.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitoes in areas where mosquito larvae are present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Mosquito Surveillance Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and maintain mosquito drainage ditches in areas to reduce standing water conducive to mosquito larvae.

Public Outreach: - Providing important information to the residents of the county with respect to personal protection against mosquito bites, mosquito breeding prevention on one's property and mosquito data.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally sensitive so that they do not negatively impact people or the environment. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at legal levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray

equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 4,633 acres
- Treated 19.6 acres in 28 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received 160 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 1,340 feet of brush
- Inspected 240 feet of ditches
- 1,368 feet of tractor work
- Treated 560 catch basins

I would like to thank the town officials and the people of Dighton for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne N. Andrews, Superintendent
December 31, 2008

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman	
Gregory D. Dorrance	Christine A. Fagan
Joseph Barile	Robert F. Davis

ANNUAL REPORT THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met 22 times in 2008. This past year the town elected a new member, Ms. Heidi Swist. We would like to welcome her to the Board. Within that time the Planning Board approved 8 Form A plans, subdivision control law not required. The Board approved 2 subdivisions in 2008, North Woods Estates consisting of (6) six lots. The Board also approved Cedar Estates consisting of (16) Lots. The Board reviewed and approved two Site Plan Reviews on Old Somerset Ave one being a medical building and the other a Strip Mall consisting of 4 units. At the Annual Town Meeting the Town voted to accept the streets in Richmond Hill Estates, at the special Town meeting the Town voted to accept the streets in Cedar Hill Estates. The Board would like to Thank Peter Williams of Vine Associates and Lisa Mead, Planning Board counsel. The Board would also like to Thank all Town Departments for their cooperation throughout the year.

The office is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. The Planning Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Respectfully Submitted

Dighton Planning Board

David Araujo, Chairman

Robert Boughner, Vice-Chairman

Bruce Murphy

Stephen Gilbert

Heidi Swist, Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2008.

Appointed Full-Time Officers:

Chief - Robert L. MacDonald,

Sergeant – James A. Lavigne, Edward F. Dutra, David P. McGuirk

Patrolman - Douglas P. Roy, William J. Perry, James M. Duddy, George L. Nichols, Ronald Duquet, and Shawn Cronin.

Appointed Reserve Officers:

Jerome Coelho, Joy Comfrey, Roger S. Duarte, Paula DeFortis Steven Ferreira,

Nicole Loura, Patrick McCarthy, William Rasmussen, Ryan Richards,

Johnathan Rioux, Bradley Steever, Mark Wheeler.

Secretary – Karlene L. Bourque

The Police Department took in the following revenues and turned them into the Town Account.

License to Carry	\$9,225.00
LTC's	9
FID	9
FID Chemical Only	3
Insurance Request	\$646.00

Privately Paid Extra Duty Details turned into the Town for Officers payment: \$144,135.01

Number of calls responded to: 6042

Accidents	149	Missing Persons	15
Alarms	462	Missing Persons Found	15
Arrests	161	Murder	0
Assaults	5	Suspicious Activity Calls	144
Assist Civilians	347	Warrants/209A/Summons	100
Assist Fire Rescue	507	Domestics	157
Assist Other Police Dept.	122	Complaints	614
B & E	2	Rabid Animal Calls	8
B & E Building	32	Vandalism	95
Larceny	84	Misc.	585
Road Rage	2	Home Invasion	0
Animal Calls	73	911 Calls	2365

Our Full-Time Officers re-certified in CPR, 1st Responder and In Service. All veteran Reserve re-certified in CPR, 1st responder. Also all new reserves hired this year completed Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council Academy for reserves.

Patrolman William Perry and Shawn Cronin attended a 2 day Glock Course and a Bushmaster Carbine Armorer 2 day training. On completion of the above both Patrolman were certified as the Department's weapons armorers. Officers received world class training in breaking down, repair and reassembly of Department handguns and patrol rifles from professionals of both Glock and Bushmaster teamed with Blackwater. Any issues and/or repairs with Department issued weapons can now be addressed by inter-department personnel.

Patrolman Shawn Cronin conducted in house training on IMC for all personnel that did not attend training last November.

Congratulations to Sgt. David McGuirk on his promotion from patrolman to Sergeant.

Our Safety Officer Patrolman James Duddy and Assistant Safety Officer George Nichols and Sergeant David McGuirk conducted the following programs:

Bus safety was presented to the following schools:

Dighton Elementary
Dighton Middle School
Bristol Agricultural School

Halloween Safety @ Elementary School

Fingerprinting ID Kits done at the Elementary

Over the past year the Police Department has incorporated many new changes. With the Towns support on funding the IMC program our department is running more efficient. The new software allows our department to be linked with both State and other Police Departments. Patrolman Shawn Cronin has been a great asset to our department with his knowledge of computers, time and dedication he has continued to work diligently with IMC to make a smooth transition. With the addition and assistance of the new mobile terminals and software, the Dighton Police Department recorded over 50% more field arrests than the previous year. This upcoming year there are still more features that are currently being worked on for implementation that will continue to improve the Department's efficiency in our everyday operations.

We have been successful in receiving grants from both the Federal Government and the State that we applied for. In the past year the following Grant Money was received:
Community Policing - \$33,440.00

On December 12, 2007 Sergeant Edward Dutra and Patrolman George Nichols became members of the South Coast Anti Crime Task Force. The department this year obtained \$2,200.00 from drug investigations that can be used towards the purchase of equipment, etc.

The town of Dighton continues to grow and my responsibility as Chief of Police is to see that our department is equipped and trained to meet the needs of the people. My future goal for the coming year is to continue to upgrade our department and keep Dighton a safe place to live. I would like to request your continued support to aid us in fighting crime. Please do not hesitate to call your Police Department to report any thing you may believe to be suspicious in nature or out of the ordinary in behavior. Dial 911 for emergencies to Stop a Crime, Save a Life, Report a Fire, you may use 669-6711 for all other business.

I would like to continue with a thank you to all dispatchers for their help and cooperation over the past year, all department personnel for their professional and dedicated support to the Dighton Police Department to ensure safety and security in town. I would like to thank, Secretary, Karlene Bourque, for all her help and dedication given to the Department and myself.

I would like to thank Fire Chief Antone Rodericks and his personnel for their continued support. Best wishes to Superintendent Paul DeMoura on his recent retirement and a thank you for his assistance over the past year. Congratulations to Thomas Ferry on his promotion to Highway Superintendent. I would like to thank him and Highway Department Staff for their assistance over the past year. Thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Town Employees, Town Officials and State, Federal and County Employees we have worked with.

I thank Manhiem Auction for their continuation of reconditioning our cruisers; I would like to thank the Dighton Lions Club for their contribution to Halloween Safety program held at the Elementary School. Finally, I would like to thank the DPCFAC (Dighton Power Charitable Fund

Advisory Committee) for their generosity on supplying our Department with our new cruiser. Lopes Construction for all they have done this past year.

In closing, I request the continue support of all as we face increasing complex changes of the future. I wish to send my condolence to all those who lost a love one in the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. MacDonald,
Chief of Police

TITLE V SANITARY INSPECTOR

Since taking over the job of Title V Inspector, the residents of Dighton have supported me in my enforcement of Title V regulations regarding septic systems.

I look forward to 2009 to serve the Town of Dighton.

Permits issued in 2008:

Sanitation Permits Issued 28

Percolation test witnessed 31

Inspection of new and repaired systems 67

I would like to thank everyone that has assisted and work with me during 2008.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph P. Pacheco
Title V Sanitary Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Gregory Olsen was re-elected to Board of Sewer Commissioners in March of 2008, he was voted Clerk of the Commission. William Costa was again voted Chairman and Timothy Lynch remains the third member.

Sewer rates for the second half of fiscal year 2008 were billed in February of 2008. For the fiscal year 2009, (billings in August 2008 and February 2009) the Board of Sewer Commissioners voted to raise the fixed rate an additional \$5.00 biannually per unit for residential and non residential users. Usage rates remain the same as FY 2008.

The Sewer Commission is still in negotiations with The City of Taunton in relation to the wastewater disposal contract renewal with guidance from Attorney Joseph Cove and Joseph Boccadoro from Earth Tech Engineering. The department is also currently involved in contract negotiations with INIMA LLC (Aquaria) regarding the desalination plants discharge to the public sewer system.

In September, a storage unit was purchased. It is located outside the route 138 pump station. Purchasing this unit will help to alleviate the overcrowding at the pump stations.

Sewer Superintendent Report

The Dighton Sewer Department pumped a total of 53,738,220 gallons of sewage to the City of Taunton's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Three (3) permits were issued and three (3) tie-ins were completed in 2008. Included in the tie-ins was the Prime Time adult day care located at 1059 Somerset Avenue.

The roofs at the Park Street and Lincoln Ave. stations were shingled and the blower fans at both stations were replaced. The Power Plant pump station motor was replaced with a new electric 10 HP motor. Preventative maintenance continues to be performed on all five of the town's pump stations. Each station is overseen on a daily basis by Sewer Department employees.

I wish to again thank Assistant Superintendent, Richard Kotouch, Bill Lopes and Greg Olsen for their continued dedication and support. I also wish to thank the Board of Sewer Commissioners for their support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold J. Gracia,
Jr. Sewer Superintendent

In conclusion the Board wishes to thank Harold Gracia, Jr. and all other Sewer Department employees for their dedication. They also wish to thank the Highway Superintendent and Highway Department Employees for their cooperation and assistance overall, especially with snow removal at the pump stations.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Costa, Chairmen
Gregory Olsen, Clerk
Timothy Lynch
Board of Sewer Commissioners

VETERANS' AGENT

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 2008.

At the time of this report there are ten active cases on the Dighton Veterans' Services Rolls.

The budget guidelines are under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115, 108 CMR.

The town is reimbursed 75% of all benefits paid out for Veterans and their dependents. The amount of reimbursement for this year is \$17,043.11. Please note that the State runs a year behind for reimbursements. The above figure is for January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Veterans' Services appropriation for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 has been leveled funded.

The town's Memorial Day Parade was a big success. Thanks to all of our Veterans and to the VFW Post 2094 for organizing the parade. This year the Veteran of the Year was given posthumously to Edward J. Silvia better known as "Eddie The Milk Man " Eddie was a WW II Veteran serving in the European African Middle Eastern Theater.

A special "Thank You" goes out to the Dighton Garden Club for doing a great job maintaining our town's War Memorials.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help the Veterans' Graves Officer put flags in the Town cemeteries for Memorial Day please call the Veterans office at 508-669-5027.

If you are a Veteran and you're looking for help enrolling in the VA Health Care System please call our office at 508-669-5027. Office hours are 8:00AM to 4:00PM, Monday through Thursday. The Town Office closes at noon on Fridays.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the Veterans' Services. Secretary, Glenna Smith and all the other departments that help make our office effective and efficient to meet the needs of Dighton's Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Woods, Jr.

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CENTRAL OFFICE

2700 Regional Road
North Dighton, MA 02764
508-252-5000 (telephone) / 508-252-5024 (fax)

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

KATHLEEN A. MONTAGANO, ED.D.

Nova Southeastern University
E-mail: kmontagano@drregional.org

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JENNIFER S. WORDELL, ED.D.

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Paul Martin – retired June 2008
Rose DiOrio – Interim
Joseph McDonald – Interim

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

RACHEL A. LAWRENCE, M.ED.

Framingham State College
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DISTRICT TREASURER / ACCOUNTING OFFICER

SANDRA COBLE

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT & SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kellie Partridge-Fagan

E-mail: kfagan@drregional.org

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF:

Shelly Gildea–Accounts Payable Dept.	Gail Fisher–Bus. Administrator's Office
Gail Kohn–Payroll Department	Kimberly Lacroix–Asst. Superintendent's Office
Joanne Rebelo–Accounts Payable Dept.	Joan Silvia–Payroll & Benefits Dept.
Tammy Steeves–Special Education Department	

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN:

Dr. Linda Tartell

SCHOOL NURSES:

D–R High School: Dawn Dailey-Begin, RN
Dighton Middle School: Denise Wilkins, RN
Dighton Elementary School: Rosemary Borden, RN
Palmer River School: Theresa Hutson, RN
Beckwith Middle School: Cathy Mondor, RN

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

<u>NAME / ADDRESS:</u>	<u>Term Expires:</u>
Robyn Balents 166 County Street Rehoboth, MA 02769	2011
Richard Barrett 283 Rocky Hill Road Rehoboth, MA 02769	2010
Maureen Brawley, Secretary..... 35 Reynolds Avenue Rehoboth, MA 02769	2009
Lisa Gay 1850 Pine Hill Road North Dighton, MA 02764	2009
Howard Horsman 1782 Wheeler Street North Dighton, MA 02764	2009
David Katseff, Vice Chairperson..... 4 Apple Valley Drive Rehoboth, MA 02769	2009
Barbara Murray, Chairperson 2300 Fieldstone Drive North Dighton, MA 02764	2011
William Newman 2440 Maple Swamp Road North Dighton, MA 02764	2010
James Paon..... 233 Moulton Street Rehoboth, MA 02769	2011
Janice Terry 66 Walker Street North Dighton, MA 02764	2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six (6) years of age or who will become six (6) years of age on or before August 31st. Kindergarten registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least five (5) years of age or who will become five (5) years of age on or before August 31st.

Birth Certificate

Every child who enters school for the first time **must** present a birth certificate.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, and polio, or a statement from his/her physician that vaccination is inadvisable. Children entering school for the first time are also required to have a physical examination.

SCHOOL DELAYS/CANCELLATION INFORMATION

Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School, and High School

Whenever the school buses can be operated safely, there will be school in the District (unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close). In the event of closing, the district information will be broadcast over the following television and radio stations: **TV:** Local cable channel 15, channels 4, 6, 7, 10, 12 Fox 25, and FOX 64; **RADIO:** WPRO (AM 630), WHJJ (AM 920), WSAR (AM 1480), PRO FM (FM 920), WSNE (FM 93.3), WHJY (FM 94.1); LITE ROCK 105 (FM 105); **WEBSITES:** www.drregional.org, www.dighton.com, wbztv.com, www.thebostonchannel.com/index.html, www1.whdh.com, www.turnt010.com.

ENROLLMENT
AS OF OCTOBER 01 2008

Palmer River Elementary and D. L. Beckwith Middle Schools

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Pre-K.....	41
K	108
1	132
2	158
3	140
4	152
5	162
6	156
7	156
8	152
TOTAL	1357

Dighton Elementary and Dighton Middle Schools

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Pre-K.....	28
K	108
1	86
2	90
3	104
4	109
5	98
6	106
7	100
8	120
TOTAL	949

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
9	268
10	259
11	291
12	262
TOTAL	1080

TOTAL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT=.....3386

SUPERINTENDENT'S 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

The Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District is sustained and improved through the collective support of staff, parents, community members, town officials, and our students. We appreciate your efforts and contributions to continue to meet the needs of our students and the excellence of our school district.

PERSONNEL

There were many administrative personnel changes in the district during 2008. Superintendent Dr. Francis Connor, Business Administrator Paul Martin, Special Education Director Michael Childs, District Treasurer Pauline LaRue, and Dighton Elementary School Principal, Ann Marie McMahon retired on June 30, 2008. Assistant Superintendent Mary Ann DeMello and Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Assistant Principal Jonathan Evans resigned to assume positions in other districts.

The district welcomed Superintendent Dr. Kathleen A. Montagano, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jennifer S. Wordell, Special Education Director Rachel A. Lawrence, Dighton Elementary School Principal Sandra F. Cummings, and Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Assistant Principal Anne Palmer. Rose DiOrio and Joseph McDonald served as part-time interim business administrators pending the appointment of a full-time business administrator.

DISTRICT AND MISSION GOALS

The mission of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District, in collaboration with parents and the community, is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, global education, technology, and social responsibility to become contributing citizens and life-long learners in our ever-changing world. To complement our mission, new district goals were established in the fall of 2008 emphasizing high standards and expectations for student achievement, enhancing professional development for our staff, improvement of communication, expanding and further integrating technology into instruction, and ensuring facilities meet the needs of the present and the future.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The school district's budget provides the support for all educational programs in the district and funds prioritized needs. The operating budget for FY08 was \$31,181,045. The operating budget for FY09 is \$33,217,509. In particular, the FY09 budget provided support for all five schools in the district. The Dighton Elementary School, Dighton Middle School, and Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School budgets continued funding for all three schools to maintain and improve current programs. The Rehoboth K-8 budget provided funding to restore the library/media positions at Beckwith Middle School and Palmer River Elementary School. In addition, a fourth grade teacher to reduce class size and a .5 school psychologist were added at Palmer River Elementary School. A technology teacher to support curriculum and increase student achievement and a grade 7/8 mathematics teacher to reduce class size were added at Beckwith Middle School.

The proposed operating budget for FY10 was built using a zero-based budgeting strategy in an effort to carefully review all projected expenditures. However, as 2008 draws to a close, current FY09 and projected FY10 state funding to the regional school district and to the towns remains uncertain. Funding increasing fixed costs, needed supplies and materials, and necessary staffing to provide quality education for students continues to be a challenge, as difficult economic times affect all school and town budgets across the state. It is our goal to maintain the integrity of our school district and increase student achievement while being mindful of efficient and effective methods to create a fiscally responsible budget.

Grant funding continues to be an integral part of supplementing the operating budget. The district received \$1,284,594.00 in FY08 and \$1,562,423.00 in FY09. Grants were used to supplement English Language Arts and mathematics salaries, supplies, and tutoring at all elementary and middle schools, academic support at the high school, special education tuitions and support staff salaries at all schools, district-wide professional development programs, and some technology hardware.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Curriculum revision in the areas of English Language Arts was completed. Work continues in the areas of mathematics and science. A health and physical education committee began to examine the district's curriculum in that area. In addition, a foreign language task force was begun to review current programs and services. The committees' recommendations will assist in the updating and review of curriculum, assessment, and instructional strategies with the ultimate goal being an increase in student achievement.

The standards-based elementary report card committee completed preliminary work for the implementation of a new report card in September 2009. The standards-based report card will provide parents and students with specific information about what students know and are able to do at each grade level.

The No Child Left Behind Act requires all students to be tested in the areas of mathematics and English Language Arts. Our students' performance on the required Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) varied among grade levels and schools. The staff has spent a great deal of time analyzing MCAS scores and classroom assessments to determine how to close achievement gaps with students.

At the elementary level, students showed that improvement was needed in the area of English Language Arts. In an effort to increase achievement and meet the requirements for adequate yearly progress (AYP), all staff implemented some new strategies. In particular, the web-based program, *Study Island*, proved itself to be an effective instructional tool to assist students in and out of school at all grade levels. The middle schools showed improvement in the area of mathematics. However, more focus is necessary in the area of mathematics at some grade levels. High school students continued to perform well in both English Language Arts and mathematics. Title I grant funds are being used to provide supplemental education services (before and after-school tutoring) to students who need assistance in the areas of English Language Arts and mathematics at the elementary and middle levels. Some students are being serviced by an outside provider and some students are being serviced by our staff. High school students receive instruction funded by a state academic grant support grant targeted specifically for high school students.

Teachers received professional development in many areas for the purpose of improving best practices and increasing student achievement. In particular, the professional development focused on differentiated instruction, rigor and relevance, response to intervention, and use of standards for grading. In addition, elementary teachers received professional development in literacy instruction and use of the newly implemented *Storytown* program. In order to enhance professional development planning and offerings for the future, a district-wide professional development committee was formed.

FACILITIES

Planning for the replacement of the sewage treatment system at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School was the focus of facilities needs in the district. Both towns and the regional school committee provided and approved funding for the project. The work on the project is scheduled to begin in the late spring 2009.

An asbestos removal project was completed in the auditorium at Dighton–Rehoboth Regional High School. Asbestos removal needs to be completed at Palmer River Elementary School.

A settling tank was installed at the Rehoboth campus to improve the nitrification process of the sewerage treatment system that services Palmer River Elementary School and Beckwith Middle School.

The re-pointing of sections of brick at Dighton Elementary School continued over the summer and the last section will be completed in the summer of 2009.

The roof at Dighton Middle School was repaired and there is a need to carefully monitor the situation with the current roof.

The district applied for an energy audit to be completed in 2009 and continued to look for ways to conserve and minimize or lower utility costs.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

It is a privilege and an honor for me to be the superintendent of the Dighton–Rehoboth Regional School District. I am grateful for the warm welcome that I received from staff, parents, students, school committee members, and community members as I began my duties on July 1, 2008. I look forward to continuing to build relationships and work collaboratively with all stakeholders to provide an excellent education for all students.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Montagano, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT PERSONNEL

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PERSONNEL

<u>DEPT / POSITION</u>	<u>COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/DEGREE</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>
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HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Gail Van Buren	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	2006
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Michael Rubin	Brown University, B.A.	2001
Ann Palmer	Duke University, M.A.	2008

DIRECTOR OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Barbara-jean Chauvin	Worcester State College, M.Ed.	2008
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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Stanley Franczyk	Briar Cliff College, B.A.	1984
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DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE

F. Leon Sibielski	University of Rhode Island, M.S.	1999
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ADJUSTMENT / GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Laurent Dulac	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	2007
Lisa Maidment	Northeastern University, M.Ed.	2005
Linda Neault	University of Massachusetts – Boston, M.Ed.	2007
Jacquelyn Tremblett	Boston University, M.Ed.	2006

LIBRARY

Cynthia Bergeron	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1980
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SECRETARIES

Sharon Araujo – Principal's Secretary	Theresa Matteson – Vocational Office
Lesley Galego – School Office	Lori Dias – School Office Reception
Martha Gordon – Special Education	Kathy Shillan – Guidance Office

ILA / LIBRARY AIDE / NURSE ASSISTANTS

Donna Anuszyk – ILA	Donna Herring – Nurse Assistant
Carol Hart – ILA	Cynthia Mosher – ILA
Maureen Courcy – Library	Kimberly Sargent – ILA
Kathleen Enos – ILA	Gail Decosta – ILA
Diane Tetreault – ILA	Michael Tetreault – ILA
Donna Furlong – Plan. Center Aide	Norma Weckmuller – ILA
Alison Mancini – ILA	Jessica Burt – ILA
Lori Neville – ILA	Elizabeth Sherry – ILA
Mary Lou Rose – ILA	

VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

David Souza	New England Technical Institute	1998
Gary Levesque	Fitchburg State College, V.Tech/Carp.	2004
Joseph Negro	Rhode Island College/New England Tech	2007
Gary Vasconcellos	Dimon Regional Vocational Technical	2008

<u>DEPT / POSITION</u>	<u>COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/DEGREE</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>
<u>ESL INSTRUCTOR</u>		
Matthew Faria	Rhode Island College – B.A.	2008
<u>ART</u>		
Senior Teacher		
Glen Davis	Cranbrook Academy of Art, M.F.A.	1979
Wendy Rutkowski	Bridgewater State College, M.A.T.	1990
Elizabeth Tache	University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, B.S.	1991
<u>BUSINESS EDUCATION</u>		
Department Chair		
Patricia Madsen	Plymouth State College, B.S.	1993
Colleen Hall	Salem State College, B.S.	2007
Diane Hayes	Bryant College, B.S.	1997
<u>ENGLISH</u>		
Department Chair		
William Cuthbertson	Springfield College, M.Ed.	1978
Alfred Boutin	Providence College, M.Ed.	2007
Claudia Corey	Providence College, B.A.	2007
Fred Gillette – 3/7's	Providence College, B.A.	2008
Linda King	Bridgewater State College, M.A.	2004
Ellen LaSalle	Northeastern State, OK, M.Ed.	2001
Kurt Loell	State University of N.Y. – Fredonia, B.A.	2001
Stephen Perry	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	2004
Mary Ann Rodrigues	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	2007
Heather Rose	Bridgewater State College, B.A.	2001
Jeremy Morrison	Harvard University, M. Ed.	2005
Ann Siachos	University of Rhode Island, B.A.	2005
<u>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</u>		
Department Chair		
Louise Mahoney	Providence College, M.A.T.	1979
Victor Augusto	University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, B.A.	1994
Jennifer Brakefield	University of Maryland, B.A.	2007
Maria DeAguiar	Brown University, M.A.T.	1994
Donna Gifun	University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, B.A.	2007
Holly Loell	Simmons College, M.A.T.	1994
Ken Sabella	Bridgewater State College, M.A.	2001
<u>CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Doris Ghilardi	Wheelock College, B.S.	1993
Cheryl Tella	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2005

<u>DEPT / POSITION</u>	<u>COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/DEGREE</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>
<u>MATHEMATICS</u>		
Department Chair		
Michelle Deschenes	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1982
James Ascoli	University of Rhode Island, B.A.	2007
Joanna Braga	Worcester Polytechnical Institute., B.A.	2001
Kathleen Chase	Providence College, B.S.	2008
Ashlee DeSimone	Providence College, B.S.	2008
Karen Enos	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1996
Paul Flaherty	Northeastern University, B.S.	2007
Jarrold Gorman	Fitchburg State College, B.A.	2007
John Parente	Providence College, M.Ed.	2001
Ann Provonsil	Providence College, B.A.	1984
Jenna Laprad	Roger Williams College, B.S.	2007
<u>MUSIC</u>		
Senior Teacher		
Kristin Voccio	Rhode Island College, M.S.	2002
<u>HEALTH / PHYSICAL EDUCATION</u>		
Senior Teacher, P.E.		
Julie Goodman	University of Wisconsin, B.S.	2006
Senior Teacher, Health		
Joseph Lampman	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2008
William Ivatts	Springfield College, M.Ed.	2006
Kenneth O'Leary	Salem State College, B.S.	2008
<u>SCIENCE</u>		
Department Chair		
Cynthia McCabe	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1995
Judith Brown	University of Massachusetts – Amherst, B.S.	1977
Linda Borges-Dubois	University of Southern California, M.S.	1981
Christopher Grover	University of Massachusetts, M.A.	2005
David Harwood (3/7's)	University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, M.Ed.	1970
Lori Marchand	University of Rhode Island, B.A.	2008
Stephen Lovejoy	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	2003
Donna Moreira	Harvard University, M.A.	2004
Clotilde O'Gara	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2000
Jill Saxon	Providence College, M.Ed.	2001
Elizabeth Walsh	Boston University, B.S.	1993
<u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u>		
Department Chair		
Michael Cooke - 4/7's	University of Massachusetts - Amherst, B.A.	2008
Christopher Borden	Boston University, MA.	2006
Kevin Braga	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	2007
Anthony Coelho	Brown University, Ed.D.	1998
David Driscoll	Providence College, M.Ed.	1978
Alison King-Anthony	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1995

DEPT / POSITION	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/DEGREE	APPOINTED
David Moura	University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, M.A.	2003
Jonathan Pacheco	Bridgewater State College, B.A.	2000
Benjamin Pease	Salem State College, M.Ed.	2002

MARKETING EDUCATION

Anita Lamoureux	San Francisco State College, B.A.	2007
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SPECIAL NEEDS

Department Chair

William Wade	Rhode Island College, C.A.G.S.	2005
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John Greenlees	Emmanuel College, M.Ed.	2006
Mary Harten	Providence, College, M.Ed.	2008
Jane Hunt	Providence College, M.Ed.	1993
Stephen Kulpa	Felician College, B.S.	1996
Christian LaSalle	Oklahoma State, M.Ed.	2007
Anthony Nardi	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	2001
Angela Pimento	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2007
Susan Starrett (SAIL)	Simmons College, M.Ed.	2005

VIDEO

Senior Teacher

Fred Hallal	Johnson & Wales University, Ph.D.	1981
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TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST

Henry Jones	University of Massachusetts - Lowell, B.S.	2006
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SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Matthew Tobin

CUSTODIANS

Joao Fidaldo	Aurelio Silvestre
Almon Hopkins	Sergio Simoes
John Lavigne	Frank Slusarz
Salvador Lopez, Jr.	James Thornley
John Rudis	

LAVATORY MONITORS

Sandra Mathieu	Gloria Pontes
Albert Pontes	John Rabbitt

DISTRICT COURIER

John Coelho

DIGHTON SCHOOLS' PERSONNEL

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

PRINCIPAL	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/DEGREE	APPOINTED
Sandra Cummings	Harvard University, M.Ed.	2008

FACULTY	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/DEGREE	APPOINTED
Brigitte Anger	University of Massachusetts, B.A.	2004
Raymond Badger	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2007
Deena Bellavance	Rhode Island College, M. Ed.	2007
Maureen Borghesani	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1991
Jennifer Carter	Boston University, M.Ed.	1997
Andrea Castonguay	Providence College, B.S.	2000
Tammy Collins	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	2006
Cynthia Correa	Framingham State College, M.Ed.	2000
Kimberly Corvi	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	2008
Sally Cox	Lesley University, B.A.	2008
Susan Cunha	University of Massachusetts, B.A.	2005
Katherine Curneen	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1973
Stephanie Curtis	University of Dayton, B.S.	1997
Shirley DeMello	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	1995
Christina Clifford-Duarte	Springfield College, M.A.	2002
John Durkee	Worcester State College, M.Ed.	1988
Sandra Fleet	University of Massachusetts – Amherst, B.A.	2005
Judith Gallagher	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	2000
Susan Gaska (DES/DMS)	Lesley University, M.Ed.	2007
Tracy Gustafson	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	2006
Alice Lopresti	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	1973
Susan Martel	Bridgewater State College, B.A.	2008
Brian Michaud	University of Connecticut, M.E.	1995
Lisa Perry	Wheelock College, B.S.	2007
Karen Rose	Northeastern University, B.S.	1997
Meghan Snee	Roger Williams College, B.A.	2005
Jacqueline Ulmschneider	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	1997
Zachary Waddicor	Fitchburg State College, B.S.	2006
Paula Wapenyi	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	2006
Jane Wyatt	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1975

DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/DEGREE	APPOINTED
Michael Cichon	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1987

FACULTY	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/DEGREE	APPOINTED
Paulette Angell	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1996
Judith Bertozzi	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1992
Kathryn Clark	University of Rhode Island, B.S.	1993
Valerie Cleary	Bridgewater State College, M.A.	2002
William Connolly	University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, B.A.	2000
Renee Custodio	Quinnipiac University, M.A.	2006
Wendy Cute	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1973
Jeanne Dennis	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	1996
Janet Dooley	University of Massachusetts – Boston, B.A.	2002
Amanda Ferreira	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	2007
Susan Gaska (DES/DMS)	Lesley University, M. Ed.	2007
Bethany Gauvin	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2007
Kathy Gilbert	Assumption College, M.Ed.	1996
Kevin Gousie	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	2001
Lynn Ingram	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1999
David Lancaster	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	2007
Ericka McCabe	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	2008
Ana Medeiros-Santos	University of Rhode Island, M.S.	2008
Paula North	Western State College, M.Ed.	1977
Brenda Patten	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1982
Jesse Perry	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1978
Carl Peterson	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1992
Carol Richard	Rhode Island College, M.A.	2007
Elaine Silvestre	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1985
Laurie Silvia	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	2008
Patricia Snee	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1988
Dawne Steele	Northeastern University, M.Ed.	2007
Timothy Sullivan	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1979
Susan Warren	University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth B.A.	1993
Mary Wilusz	Lowell State College, B.M.	1995

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY & DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOLS

SPECIAL NEEDS

<u>FACULTY</u>	<u>COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/DEGREE</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>
Dayle Augustine	Lesley College, M.Ed.	2004
Jennie Baglini	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.,	2005
Jean Bezner	Cambridge College, M.Ed.	2006
Rosemary Borden	Fall River Diploma School of Nursing, R.N.	1991
Andrea Cabral	Framingham State College, M.Ed.	2005
Mary Jo DeSilva	University of Phoenix, M. Ed.	1981
Martha Edminster	Trinity College, M.Ed.	2000
Allison Gittus	University of Rhode Island, M.S.	2000
Deborah Maldonado	Hampton University, B.A.	2007
Tiffany Martin	Boston University, M.Ed.	2002
Linda Munise	Lesley University, M.Ed.	2001
Karen Pittsley	Lesley College, M.A.	2000
Cara Romano	Massachusetts Institute of Health, M.S.	2000
Mary Rourke	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1992
Heather Rutko	Merrimack College, B.A.	2003
Mary Aim Shaker	University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, B.A.	2006
Alaina St. Germain	Bridgewater State College, B.A.	2007
Denise Wilkins, RN	Southeastern Massachusetts University, BSN	2000

TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST

James Pauly	Roger Williams University, B.S.	2002
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ENRICHMENT

Paulette Angell	Loyola University, M.Ed.	1996
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ESL INSTRUCTOR

Matthew Faria	Rhode Island College, B.A.	2008
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MUSIC

Paula Roy	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	2002
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LIBRARY / MEDIA AIDES

Marsha Kimpton	Fitchburg State College, B.S.	1985
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SECRETARIES

Susan Marsden – Dighton Middle School
 Susan Murphy – Dighton Middle School
 Linda Deleo – Dighton Elementary School
 Gabriela Farias – Dighton Middle School Special Education Clerk

CLERKS / MONITORS / ILA'S / AIDES

Dina Boostrom	Colleen Ford*	Nancy Peixoto	Dorothy Torres	Lisa Souza
Elizabeth Cornell	Kerri Moniz	Andrea Laudati	Bonnie Santos	Shari Perlini
Carla Ceurvals	Michelle George	Kathleen Murphy	Suzanne Richard	
Amanda Emond	Donna Kjellman	Susan Murphy	Naydine Rock	
Elizabeth Martin	Christine Medeiros	Donna Quaglia	Tammi Hipolito*	
Deborah Titus	Laura Ouellette	Dawn Quaglia*	Dawn Viera	
Dawn Parente*	Kerri Brex	Alison Roache	Gayle Woodward	
Melissa Pacheco	Christine Jackson	Karen Santos	Gabriella Farias	

* Half-time at Palmer River Elementary School

* Half-time at Beckwith Middle School

CUSTODIANS**Jacques Alves, Head Custodian – Dighton Elementary School**

Gabriel Faria – Dighton Elementary School (shift is split ½ time with Dighton Middle School)

Gilbert Valesquez – Dighton Elementary School

Michael Venditto – Dighton Elementary School

David Arruda, Head Custodian – Dighton Middle School

Joe Borges – Dighton Middle School

Gabriel Farias – Dighton Middle School (shift is split ½ time with Dighton Elementary School)

Christian Fredericks – Dighton Middle School

Damien Preston – Dighton Middle School

SCHOOL CALENDAR

2008 – 2009

As approved by the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee

	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL # OF DAYS	MIDDLE SCHOOL # OF DAYS	DRRHS # OF DAYS
School Opens September 5, 2008 Closes December 23, 2008	74	74	74
School Opens January 5, 2009 Closes February 13, 2009	29	29	29
School Opens February 23, 2009 Closes April 17, 2009	39	39	39
School Opens April 27, 2009 Closes June 19, 2009 *	39	39	39
Total number of days attended	181	181	181

*may be revised depending upon school closings

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

October 13, 2008 – Columbus Day
 October 20, 2008 – Staff Professional Development – Early Release
 November 4, 2008 – Staff Professional Development – No School
 November 11, 2008 – Veteran's Day – No School
 November 26-28, 2008 – Thanksgiving Recess
 December 24, 2008-January 02, 2009 – Holiday Recess
 January 19, 2009 – Martin Luther King Day – No School
 January 26, 2009 – Staff Professional Development – Early Release
 February 16-20, 2008 – Winter Recess
 March 23, 2009 – Staff Professional Development – Early Release
 April 10, 2009 – Good Friday – No School
 April 20-24, 2009 – Spring Recess
 May 25, 2008 – Memorial Day – No School
 June 19, 2009 – Proposed End of School

ANNUAL REPORT FOR DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2008

I am pleased to submit my first annual report as principal of Dighton Elementary School.

PERSONNEL

We have several new personnel this year, including the following: Sandra F. Cummings was hired as the new Principal, to replace Ann Marie McMahon (who retired). Mrs. Cummings was the Assistant Principal at the Peebles Elementary School in Bourne for nearly three (3) years. Prior to that, she was the Principal at Holy Name School in Fall River for seven and one-half (7 1/2) years. Kim Corvi, is the new physical education teacher replacing Jeffrey White (retirement). Kim is a certified Physical Education teacher with fifteen (15) years experience. Susanne Martel is the new second grade teacher. Susanne was the long-term substitute kindergarten special education teacher, from January through June 2008. Tammy Collins is now in a job-share in a first grade classroom.

Jackie Ulmschneider was the 2007–2008 recipient of the Golden Apple Award. She was chosen by her colleagues for her exceptional collegiality and professionalism at Dighton Elementary School.

ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment as of October 01, 2008 is as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten	27	Third Grade	101
Kindergarten	105	Fourth Grade	107
First Grade	84		
Second Grade	88	TOTAL	512

ACADEMIA

To address two of the school's Language Arts goals, Harcourt's Storytown program was purchased for grades PK-5, with all the necessary resources and tools to teach all students. This will enable students to have a common approach to reading, writing, and phonics instruction across all grade levels. Students will also be able to improve topic development skills in their writing.

The school's common reading assessments are DIBELS and Star. Our students are assessed in grades 1-4 three (3) times each year. This assessment is very valuable to teachers in pinpointing their students' strengths and weaknesses. DIBELS is a nationally-approved measure for progress, monitoring reading ability and fluency. The Star assessment is a comprehension indicator.

Mathematics is being addressed according to the state standards at each grade level. "Investigations" is used in kindergarten and first grade, while "Math Central" is the program utilized in grades two, three and four. "Math Central" is supplemented by other resources, in order to address all the standards.

MCAS is the state test that all Third and Fourth Grade students must take in Math and English Language Arts. Dighton Elementary School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards in English Language Arts for the first time this year. Dighton Elementary School's ELA Proficiency Team has analyzed the data and presented this data to the teaching staff, outlining the strengths and weaknesses of our third and fourth graders.

Kindergarteners through fourth graders will be given three (3) common writing prompts during the school year that will be graded using the same rubric per grade level to provide consistency. Prompts will progress developmentally through the grades.

Our MCAS mathematics results remained consistent. The expectation of our scores will be increased in 2009 due to adequate yearly progress requirements, and the staff has analyzed the data and is using that to drive instruction. We will be developing a common problem-solving format that will give students the consistency and familiarity necessary for success. Our School Council has revised our goals to recognize and address the work that needs to be done.

TECHNOLOGY

Our Technology Committee, along with the Technology teacher Ray Badger, has updated our equipment and increased our software inventory. The computer lab now includes thirty (30) iMac computers. Because of the purchase of twenty-five (25) iMacs this year, the classrooms have been given one more computer each for student use. We also purchased six (6) more Dell laptops which brings the total to thirty (30); a new laptop cart holds all of them for use throughout the building. The Technology Committee meets monthly to discuss staff and student needs and how to best use the tools and resources we have available.

We have continued our "Study Island" subscription for English Language Arts and mathematics. This web-based tutorial gives third and fourth Grade students MCAS practice in the test and game modes. They have access from home and school. A "Study Island" fun night is planned for mid-December and will give parents and their children the opportunity to use the website under the direction of a technology teacher who will be available that night.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The school's professional development plan is focused on standards-based instruction in all content areas. One goal is the implementation of standards-based report cards in 2009. Under that broad umbrella are workshops including literacy to address the new program, Harcourt's *Storytown*, and math to provide a consistent program of addressing problem-solving across all grade levels. The professional development is tied to the School Improvement plan goals. Most staff meetings are devoted to professional development in math or literacy.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Fourth Grade Science Club, under the direction of Karen Rose, has taken on the project of recycling and fuel efficiency in the school. The "Green Team" is reaching out to the community to find new and/or expanded ways to recycle. They have several projects planned.

The Dighton Arts Festival, held in November, included a dance routine by Dighton Elementary School students, under the direction of our music teacher, Brian Michaud. The art teacher, Brigitte Anger, created a beautiful "underwater" display with art work from most of the school's students. This was well-received and recognized by the community.

The Lions Club is a close ally with the school and there are several joint projects. School staff reaches out in terms of needy families at holiday time, food collections for the food pantry, and other community-based projects. There is also an alliance with the Daisies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Pop Warner Cheerleaders, police and fire departments.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Dighton Elementary School is active and able to provide funds for grade level field trips and special teacher requests that cannot be funded through the school budget. There is a sub-committee organized to raise money for a new playground, which will be named in honor Jeff White, our long-term physical education teacher.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Dighton Elementary School Council revised the School Improvement Goals to reflect the MCAS results and what needs to be done to best prepare all students. We are fortunate to have six (6) teachers and six (6) parents/community members on the council for 2008-2009. They are committed to organizing the 3rd Annual Family Fun Fitness Day and a Grades K-2 Family Math Night.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

I began as principal of Dighton Elementary School on July 1, 2008. The sense of community is strong in Dighton and the support for our students is outstanding. I am proud to be affiliated with Dighton Elementary School and the staff. There is a strong collegiality that exists here and our students benefit daily from that sense of community.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings, Principal
Dighton Elementary School

ANNUAL REPORT
DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL--2008

I am pleased to submit the annual report for the Dighton Middle School for the calendar year ending on December 31, 2008.

PERSONNEL

Mr. David Avila, our fifth grade science teacher, retired in June following a 35 year career which began at Dighton Elementary School and concluded at Dighton Middle School. Mr. Avila will be fondly remembered for the professionalism and dedication he brought to his students and to his colleagues.

Ms. Andrea Cabral moved from her fifth grade special education position into the fifth grade science position at Dighton Middle School due to Mr. Avila's retirement.

Mr. Brian Donnelly was hired to fill the fifth grade special education position. Mr. Donnelly joins us with six years of experience from the Fall River System at the middle school level. .

Mr. Elvio Ferreira joined us with several years of teaching experience from Somerset Middle School. and is dual certified in Spanish and Portuguese. He also has some administrative experience, which occurred this past year in Fall River.

Four Instruction Learning Assistants were hired to fill one-on-one positions for special education students entering Dighton Middle School this fall. Haidee Moriarity and Nanci Prairie were hired to fill positions in grade 5. Michael Santos was hired to replace a grade 6 position. Lisa Cadima was hired to fill a grade 8 position.

Anna Medeiros-Santos was hired as our school psychologist, replacing Allison Gittus who is on a leave of absence. Laurie Silvia was hired as the half-time school adjustment counselor. Tara McCarthy was hired as a substitute for Kathy Clark, our physical education instructor who is on a leave of absence. Tracy Bullock, Colleen Phalen and Ana Monteiro, resigned to take positions in other communities.

ENROLLMENT

YOG: 2013	Female 68	Male 49	
YOG: 2014	Female 41	Male 58	
YOG: 2015	Female 52	Male 54	
YOG: 2016	Female 37	Male 59	
Total Females Enrolled: 198		Total Males Enrolled: 220	Total students: 418

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Our focus this year will continue to be adding rigor to the curriculum to continue to challenge our student learning. Our Math Curriculum Specialist has been at the forefront of defining what rigor is and this year our professional development time will provide teachers opportunities to incorporate rigor into their daily lesson plans throughout the year. We also incorporated a new reading program into grade 5 in conjunction with Dighton Elementary School. The Story Town program was adopted Along with reading skills and strategies, there is robust vocabulary instruction, read aloud, fluency practice and critical thinking questions that will help student preparation for MCAS open response questions.

The charts below represent Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test results:

GRADE 8

		Needs			
Subject		Advanced	Proficient	Improvement	Warning
Math	DMS	11%	33%	33%	24%
	State	19%	30%	27%	24%
ELA	DMS	8%	73%	18%	1%
	State	12%	63%	18%	7%
Science	DMS	2%	32%	53%	13%
	State	3%	36%	39%	22%

GRADE 7

		Needs			
Subject		Advanced	Proficient	Improvement	Warning
Math	DMS	18%	42%	28%	12%
	State	15%	32%	29%	24%
ELA	DMS	10%	66%	21%	3%
	State	12%	57%	23%	8%

GRADE 6

		Needs			
Subject		Advanced	Proficient	Improvement	Warning
Math	DMS	21%	39%	33%	6%
	State	23%	33%	26%	18%
ELA	DMS	9%	70%	18%	3%
	State	15%	52%	24%	8%

GRADE 5

		Needs			
Subject		Advanced	Proficient	Improvement	Warning
Math	DMS	16%	36%	40%	8%
	State	22%	30%	30%	17%
ELA	DMS	8%	51%	37%	5%
	State	13%	48%	30%	9%
Science	DMS	13%	41%	41%	5%
	State	17%	33%	38%	12%

Mr. David Avila, our retiring fifth grade Science teacher was honored at the conclusion of the school year by his colleagues with the "Teacher of the Year Award" as well as the "Student Appreciation Award" given each year at graduation to a valued member of the school community.

In order to increase achievement in English Language Arts, the fifth grade staff incorporated the new *Story Town* reading program in conjunction with DES.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dighton Middle School's professional development focus this year has been on incorporating differentiated instruction techniques and procedures in the classroom to meet the needs of all of the diversified learning styles our students possess. Along with differentiation we have also continued to stress rigor in the classroom. Professional development provided by the East Bay Collaborative on November 4, 2008 as well as follow-up professional development half-days in January and March will provide opportunities for our faculty members to continue to develop lessons and incorporate differentiated instruction techniques in their classrooms. The staff is also exploring the development of a professional learning community model at Dighton Middle School as well.

STUDENT RECOGNITION AND ACHIEVEMENTS

At the June 2008 eighth grade graduation, the following students were selected as major award winners:

Principal's Award - John Rogers

Pay it Forward Award - Hannah Whitford

Random Acts of Kindness Award - Lauren Moniz and Trevor Sirois

Outstanding Student - Nathan Beaulieu

Leo T. Wontkowski Award - Suzanna Newman and Matthew McGurn

Carolyn M. Booth Award - Kevin Dupont

NELMS Scholar Leader Award - Suzanna Newman and John Rogers

Judith Parker Marcy Award - Rodney Soares

The following students received Presidential Academic Fitness Awards:

Gold Award Winners - Nathan Beaulieu, Timothy Costa, Jacob Ferreira, April MacDonald, Alissa McLaughlin, and Christopher Sanson.

Silver Award Winners - David Araujo, Adam Benvie, Samantha Berthiaume, Sara Cornell, Erin Cronan, Cassandra DeLeo, Kevin Dupont, Emily Johnson, Krystal Kiander, Jacob Larrimore, Sarah Leach, Monique Lemay, Brittney Maher, Rory Makuch, Matthew McGurn, Lauren Moniz, Morgan Moniz, Brett Pappas, Mitchell Powers, Nicholas Quaglia, Shane Ramos, John Rogers, Emilie Russell, Megan Sylvester, Evan Tarver, Hayley Terry, Hannah Veronesi, and Jeremiah Whitmore.

TECHNOLOGY

Dighton Middle School acquired two (2) complete Smart Board Systems including the boards, projectors, stands and the carts. Mr. Ray Badger, technology specialist at Dighton Elementary School, Carol Richard, Lynn Ingram, Amanda Ferreira, Chris Jackson and Dawnne Steele have all taken a course this past summer and are currently completing training in the use of this technology. They, in turn, will be able to instruct our other faculty members on its benefit and use in the classroom.

Continued X2 (student information management system) training, as well as teacher web page design, and implementation occur on our Dighton Middle School website with pod-casts of student created books which can be heard on the library page of the Dighton Middle School website as well as the Principals' Newsletter.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Staff and students will continue community involvement work with the expansion of 'Pay it Forward', the Soup Kitchen, and the Dighton Community Food Bank sponsorships within the community. The Pay it Forward program will expand to include a school wide project at each grade level. The grade 8 project is the Dighton Elementary School Playground, the grade 7 project is Heifer International, the Grade 6 project is the Dighton Group Home located near Dighton Middle School, and grade 5 is the local animal shelters.

DMS staff and students also continue a major role in the organization and running of the Dighton Community Food Bank along with the assistance of the Dighton Lions and many parent volunteers. The food bank opened its doors in May of 2008 and has assisted families in need each last Saturday of the month between the hours of 9 and 11 AM. The number of families increased each month and it is our privilege to be able to give back to the community in such a meaningful manner. Dighton Middle will continue to build on the success it established with these programs, which will enable us to continue to give back to the community.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

I look forward in my second year as principal here at Dighton Middle School to continue to build upon the success we established last year. My goals are two-fold: to continue to challenge our

students to progress academically by adding academic rigor through differentiated instruction in their classrooms as well as having the entire school community give back to the community through a number of community service pieces which we established last year. This may include the Dighton Community Food Bank, 'Random Acts of Kindness', and School Spirit, Pay it Forward, and Anti-Bullying Committee activities, which will occur throughout the upcoming school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cichon,
Principal Dighton Middle School

ANNUAL REPORT

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 2008

I am pleased to submit my third annual report as the Principal of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School for the calendar year ending December 31, 2008.

PERSONNEL

- **Administration** – Ms. Barbara-jean Chauvin was hired as the new Director of the Career and Vocational Education Department. Mr. Paul Giannakoulis returned as the Interim Assistant Principal until the arrival of Ms. Anne Palmer on December 1, 2008.
- **Career and Technical Education** – Mr. Gary Vasconceles, Auto; TBA, IA and Carpentry
- **English Department** – Mr. Fred Gilette
- **Health** – Mr. Joe Lampman
- **Mathematics Department** – Ms. Kathleen Chase, Ashlee DeSimone, sub
- **Physical Education** – Mr. Ken O'Leary
- **Science** – Ms. Lori Marchand
- **Social Studies Department** – Mr. Michael Cooke
- **Special Education Department** – Ms. Mary Harten
- Mr. Al Rose retired as the automotive instructor in Career and Vocational Education, after 35 years of service.
- Mr. William Cute retired from the social studies Department after 35 years of service.
- Mr. Dave Morgado, physical education teacher, resigned after taking a position at another school.
- Ms. Geralyn Dias resigned as health teacher.
- Mr. Jonathan Evans resigned to take an administrative position in another district
- Mr. Michael Proccacini resigned to become the director of career and technical education in another district.
- Ms. Sarah Watt resigned to take a science position in another district.

ENROLLMENT

The individual student class distributions from each of the two towns are:

Class of:	Dighton	Rehoboth	Total
2008	94	168	262
2009	108	152	260
2010	116	166	282
2011	111	146	257
Totals:	429	632	1061

ACADEMIA

With the 2008 MCAS results arriving in September, we all worked hard as a professional community to keep the focus on overall student achievement, and also to assist students at-risk. Our faculty met tirelessly in large groups, small focus groups, and by department to discuss student needs and how to support those needs within the confines of a conservative budget.

Across the Commonwealth, academic pressure has been increasing, particularly at the high school level. Although MCAS exams are important for graduation, we also acknowledge the significance in preparing all of our young adults for readiness and success in college acceptances, employability, graduation, SAT and PSAT success, and the passing of an Accuplacer Exam. As

mentioned in our School Council notes, all data is considered carefully in order to make difficult decisions to best support our students' successes, and to improve academic achievement.

In the Commonwealth, it is getting more challenging to achieve a high school diploma. Members of the Class of 2010 now have to be proficient, and attain scores of 240 or better in both the English Language Arts and mathematics MCAS exams in order to graduate. If these minimum scores are not realized, high schools must provide students with the necessary classes to demonstrate to the state the equivalent of successful completion of high-level coursework in math and English classes. For D-R, in mathematics, this change has resulted in the offering of additional sections of Algebra II, as well as the development of a two-year program of Algebra II for those students needing extra time, support, and varied instruction. Those sections were partially provided to students this year, but at the expense of Computer Programming electives and MCAS Prep classes.

As with mathematics, students who fail the English Language Arts MCAS will have to demonstrate "proficiency" by the time they graduate. Although we have the necessary materials to again offer those classes, we need sufficient staff to support those students while preparing the underclassmen for high-stakes graduation requirements and competitive college requirements.

Beginning with the Class of 2010, Science MCAS also has to be passed. This year most freshmen will be prepared to take the Science MCAS in Chemistry, or Principles of Technology.

The final challenge comes with the Class of 2012. The history department is offering World History to all freshmen to build a solid foundation to successfully complete the history MCAS as juniors. This MCAS requirement will result in all students taking three (3) years of History, a change from our previous two-year requirement.

The 2008 school year was notable for:

Art Department: Of the thirteen entries, the Art department was recognized with eleven medal winners for The Boston Globe Scholastic Art Exhibition. Sarah Gingras was recognized as a Gold Medal winner for outstanding portfolio entry with her photography collection. Advanced Placement art history students traveled to New York City and visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. Classes also visited the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to see British prints on exhibit. The art department showed Dighton-Rehoboth 'Artists of the Week' in the display window of the guidance department.

Business Department: In 2008 the Business Department has undergone some major changes in personnel. We hired two teachers for the 2007-2008 school year to replace Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Murray. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Lamoureux did not skip a beat coming in and taking over where Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Murray left off. Mrs. Hall has seen the accounting enrollment increase from one accounting I class in 2007-2008 to two accounting I classes and one accounting II class for the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Lamoureux has also seen quite an increase in the enrollment in her Marketing Courses, along with an amazing increase in student participation in DECA. The DECA enrollment increased from eleven (11) students in 2007-2008 to forty-four (44) students in 2008-2009.

Students enrolled in the Money Management classes took the "Financial Literacy Challenge", which is a national on-line test developed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, designed to test students' financial knowledge. Twenty-eight (28) of our students participated in the challenge and seven (7) scored in the top twenty-five percent, receiving certificates in recognition of their achievement.

The "You and the Law" students, as part of their studies on domestic violence, decided to give back to the community by collecting books, blankets and stuffed animals for "Project Night-

Night", a non-profit organization that provides these items to homeless children who reside in shelters. The two classes raised enough money to purchase fifty "night-night" bags and collected enough items to fill all of the bags. The bags were donated to two local shelters for children victims of domestic violence.

Over the summer, all members of the Business Department took the graduate level course "Strategies to Enhance Student Writing Across the Curriculum", through Rhode Island College. This course provided the skills and tools necessary to help our business students with written work, as well as specific writing assignments.

The Marketing program produced a number of awards and accolades for the year:

At the District I - DECA Conference the following students received awards:

Nick Valcorba and Nick DaSilva - First place Hospitality Management

Kelsey Gay - Fifth place Marketing Management

Kaytlin Barreira and Ryan Lake - Eighth place Travel and Tourism

At the State DECA Conference the following students received awards:

Nick Valcorba and Nick DaSilva - Second place Hospitality Management

At the International DECA Conference the following students received awards:

Nick Valcorba and Nick DaSilva - Placed Competency (top 20%)

Kaytlin Barreira - Participated in the Leadership Academy

Career and Technology Program:

Carpentry:

- Students completed an ash desk for Mr. Wade - enabling him to test students and secure files;
- Students worked on the set of "CATS" by fabricating the "junkyard car";
- They completed the handicap access ramp at the Dighton Senior Center;
- Constructed a football ticket booth; and
- Repaired and installed a sign for the Dighton Baptist Church.

Child Care:

- The child care program was expanded to include the placement of high school students in outside facilities, including Dighton Elementary School (2 students) and Palmer River Elementary School (4 students);
- The full-day preschool was a very successful, and is at capacity for next year; Child Care was added for the first time to the Exploratory Program.

Drafting and Engineering:

- Students designed a sign for the Dighton Baptist Church;
- Students created floor and exit plans for the Dighton Middle School;
- Students placed first in the Bridge Building and Technology Bowl at the TSA state competition, and placed a second in CAD drafting; and
- Project Based Learning, in partnership with Sensata Corporation, was also a success, with Jamie Delorey, Brittany Ross, & Angela Shannon presenting at BCC in May.

Machine Technology:

- Students fabricated several heater shafts, sander parts, & tractor parts for the DRRHS maintenance department;
- Fabricated starters and markers for the track team, and repaired the scorers' table for the basketball teams;
- Worked with private industry in fabricating parts for Ark Bait and Thrill City Cycle; and
- Repaired and serviced parts for the Dighton Highway and Water Departments.

Automotive:

- The updating of the shop was completed by installing the last two (2) lifts;
- Students repaired several vehicles for the Town of Rehoboth; and
- Mr. Rose, automotive instructor, was nominated and selected as "Educator of the Year" by the Rehoboth Lions Club.

English Department: The writing lab received 30 new personal computers to enhance student research and writing. Mrs. Rose earned a Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning degree. All nine (9) of our advanced placement students who took the exam earned a grade of three, four, or five. Mrs. LaSalle directed the fall play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and the Theatre Company presented a preview to a wide range of English classes to enhance the study of Shakespeare, and to promote the play. In addition, the Drama Workshop class performed *The Laramie Project* to a wide spectrum of English classes. During the year, some of our English teachers attended *The Young Readers Conference*. A number of English teachers took a wide variety of classes, including: *Assertive Discipline*, *Academic Success of Your Struggling Readers and Writers*, *Character and Self-Esteem Connected to Literacy and the Arts*, and *Assessing Teaching and Learning*. The department added the novels *The Kite Runner*, *Things Fall Apart*, *Arcadia*, and *Fahrenheit 451* to the curriculum.

Foreign Language Department: Members of the foreign language department participated in a variety of language conferences and meetings in an effort to vary and expand their repertoire of teaching strategies, both in the classroom and in the lab. Mrs. Mahoney attended the Category 1: Teaching English Language Learners workshop. Several members of the department spent time in foreign countries, both on teacher-sponsored trips with students, or on their own. Students took field trips, including a trip to the Rhode Island School of Design museum, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Participation in the Portuguese language day at Bristol Community College and trips to local restaurants were also part of the language clubs' activities.

Mathematics Department: Mr. Gorman attended workshops on *Writing in Mathematics* and *Using the TI-NSpire*. Mrs. Chase and Ms. Rozzero participated in a workshop on *Enhancing Algebra with Manipulatives*. Mrs. Deschenes and Mrs. Enos went to a workshop on *Using the TI Navigator System* and then spent the summer working on an online course through Texas Instruments. The precalculus students and math team went on a field trip to Boston University to see a presentation on *Fractals*.

Music Department: Five (5) seniors from the class of 2008 elected to take the advanced placement exam in music theory. This is only the second time the exam has been given here at Dighton-Rehoboth, and the first time since extensive revisions have been made to the course curriculum. One student scored 3, two scored 4, and two scored 5 - showing excellent achievement.

Science Department: Beginning with the Class of 2010, students are responsible for the successful completion of a science Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Members of the class of 2010 that took the Biology MCAS during their Sophomore year had a 95% passing rate. All students in the class of 2011 Chemistry Class, passed the exam.

Monica Souza received the science department award this year. Monica took both honors and college prep courses for a total of five (5) science courses. She plans on studying nutrition in college.

Mr. Lovejoy took his environmental students on a field trip to two sites along the Palmer River. Students used equipment from Bridgewater State College to collect live data on the river and report the data back to the college. Mr. Lovejoy plans to do a similar project this year using new equipment that we purchased from Vernier.

Mrs. Moreira and Department Chair, Mrs. McCabe participated in the BioTeach program prior to the 2008 school year. As part of the BioTeach program, the Mobile Lab visited DRRHS for a week in the fall. This allowed each of our biology students to participate, hands on, in a real laboratory in which they extracted the hemoglobin protein from several individuals and analyzed the protein for the presence of sickle cell anemia. The third part of the BioTeach program is that we have received a grant to purchase equipment that will allow us to continue performing these lab experiments in our own classrooms. There were subsequent follow-up workshops attended at Framingham State College last spring.

Social Studies Department: This spring, several faculty members were enrolled in "Teaching American History Collaborative" at Bristol Community College. Upon completion of the course, the school received a laptop computer, multimedia projector and screen for each teacher enrolled. The social studies department has received four (4) of these technology grants over the last two years. Also during the spring, one staff member completed a course on "Improving Reading in the Content Area". New strategies and techniques in reading social studies were brought back to the department. During the summer, several members completed a one-week seminar on Advanced Placement European and American history instruction at the AP Institute, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Finally, one member attended a one-week seminar in New York City, *on New York and the Making of America*, offered by the "Teaching American History Collaborative," at Bristol Community College.

Advanced Placement test results for 2008 are as follows:

AP Course/ Scores:	1	2	3	4	5
Art History			2		
Calculus AB				4	12
Chemistry		1	2	2	2
English Lit/Comp			3	5	1
Euro. History	2	8	11	3	1
Music Theory			1	1	2
Physics C	2	6	7	5	2

5 is the highest score

Scholastic Aptitude test results for 2008 are as follows:

'07-'08 SAT Test Data	D-R	MA	US
Critical Reasoning	508	514	502
Mathematics	513	525	515
Writing	503	513	494

(mean scores)

Post-high school plans for 2008 are as follows:

2008 Post High School Plans	% of seniors
Four-Year College/University	54%
Two-Year Community College	22%
Trade/Technical School	8%
Military	10%
Employment	14%
Undecided	1%

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Professional development for the year continued to work on the integration to technology into instruction as well as differentiated instruction. Teachers developed lessons, shared expertise, and supported the embedding of technology into

the curriculum. Faculty, staff, and administration also participated in workshops and conferences offered off-site by outside organizations.

ATHLETICS

Dighton-Rehoboth athletes enjoyed another successful year in 2008. The athletic department earned eight championships in the South Coast Conference: golf, girls' soccer, field hockey, winter boys' track, baseball, softball, and spring girls' and boys' track.

D-R Athletics can also boast of another Overall SCC championship making it the eleventh in 12 years.

At the D-R All Sports Banquet, "Athlete of the Year" honors went to Nate Koneski and Kelsey Mahoney.

Dighton-Rehoboth also came in second in the Boston Globe Dalton Award presented for athletic excellence.

The 2007-2008 basketball season saw D-R's Mary Nwachuku become the second girl in D-R history to score over 1,000 points. She has signed to play basketball at Boston College in the fall of 2009.

Baseball captured the South Coast Conference championship for the eleventh time in the last 14 years. The team also advanced to the South Sectional finals of the state tournament, before losing to the eventual state champion, Plymouth North. Senior Nate Koneski represented the South Coast Conference in the Eastern Massachusetts All Star Game, and, based on his performance he was then selected to play in the Massachusetts vs. Connecticut All Star Game. Koneski was named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic Baseball Team, and Koneski and George Agostini were both named to the Boston Herald All-Scholastic Baseball Team.

TECHNOLOGY

Not only was technology enhanced by the focused professional development, the building was pleased to receive five (5) laptop/projectors on carts that are now available for teachers to sign-out on a day-to-day basis from the media center. The social studies department received three (3) additional laptop-projector units as part of the Teaching American History First course, which is a grant-funded graduate course for teachers of American History. The guidance department purchased a high speed printer to replace their old one, and the math department will be integrating graphing calculators at all levels with the TI Navigator System. In addition, we have updated infrastructure and replaced technology throughout the building, including the following:

- Replaced Optiplex gx280 systems in Autocad Computer lab with new high-end Optiplex 745 systems;
- Upgraded Autocad to Autocad 2009 in Autocad Computer lab;
- Replaced optiplex gx110 Pentium 3 systems in room 307 with gx280 Pentium 4 systems from the Autocad lab;
- Completed replacing IBM Netvista Pentium 3 systems in science with new Optiplex 745 systems;
- Upgraded the memory of the systems in room 123 by 512MB;
- Purchased a Writer portable word processor cart for the English department (it contains 30 portable word processors and a laser printer and is paid for from a grant);
- Upgraded our library database from Winnebago to Destiny;
- Installed Vision in all computer labs including media center;
- Added 4 workstations to the media center;
- Added 4 workstations to special education classrooms;

- Replaced 3 out-dated office computers with new Optiplex 755 systems (1 business office, 2 in math office);
- Added 1 workstation to room 227 to accommodate for increased class sizes; and
- Installed ceiling mounted projectors in computer labs 220, 307, 313, and 402.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

School Council members are:

Fred Suzman, Rehoboth Community Representative
 Paul Giannakoulis, Dighton Community Representative
 Henry Hayes, Rehoboth Parent Representative
 Kim Peranzi, Rehoboth Parent Representative
 David Sherry, Rehoboth Parent Representative, Co-Chairperson
 Jean Bezner, Dighton Parent Representative
 Debbie Howland, Dighton Parent Representative
 F. Leon Sibielski, Teacher Representative
 Dave Moura, Teacher Representative
 John Greenlees, Teacher Representative
 Dave Driscoll, Teacher Representative
 Gail Van Buren, Principal, Co-Chairperson

For the second year, the School Council spearheaded a Soup Kitchen and Coat Drive in Fall River. A number of students and student groups participated, as well as numerous staff members of the learning community. The council was instrumental in focusing on community service, and instituted a voluntary community service component for graduation.

Another goal was to increase public awareness for school successes and events. The Council pushed to increase the number of e-mail subscriptions to 80% of families, along with integrating TV cable access in order to publicize school events.

Improvement in student fitness and health was an additional School Council goal: health classes were screened for cholesterol; CPI training was offered for a number of staff; a smoking cessation survey began, and volunteer students met with the manager of the cafeteria to suggest food offerings. Senior breakfast was also extended and began right after the winter vacation.

A major focus for the School Council was improved academic achievement. Besides the MCAS exams, the School Council listed other areas to gauge for academic progress. These include: SAT, PSAT, AP, college acceptances, career/job placements, and high school drop-out rates. We are pleased to note the test results in late 2008 revealed significant and positive changes in MCAS and AP scores.

NEASC

In July 2008, the high school received the results of the NEASC (New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc), Five-Year Progress Report with continued accreditation. The Commission noted the following positive accomplishments:

- *the increase in the number of credits for graduation;*
- *the implementation of a voluntary community service opportunity for graduation;*
- *the strategies adopted in the core curricular areas to identify gaps and overlaps between high school and K-8 programs in curriculum;*
- *the installation of new computer labs, the provision of laptop computer carts, and the general upgrade to computers around the school and in classrooms to support teaching and learning;*

- *the planned increase in the number of professional development days and dedicated time at faculty meetings focused on sharing instructional practices both within and across disciplines;*
- *the use of the results of the analysis of student assessments to analyze curriculum and identify instructional needs;*
- *the use of the results of assessments to identify students who are at-risk and to enhance communications with parents;*
- *the strategies adopted to improve the transition for students from grade 8 to grade 9 including more information on technical center programming;*
- *the improvement in student attendance and punctuality as a result of changes in the attendance policy;*
- *the significant increase in the level of heterogeneously grouped classes;*
- *the establishment of student support teams representing a broad range of participants whose work is focused on students who are struggling to meet the school's academic expectations; and*
- *the planned adoption in September 2008 of student proficiency plans for students who are experiencing difficulty in meeting proficiency requirements on state examinations.*
- *The Commission requested a Special Progress Report, due May 1, 2009, to respond to the following:*
 - *provide specific examples from across the curriculum areas illustrating the integration of Curriculum;*
 - *provide an update on the work of the curriculum task force and ongoing initiatives improve horizontal and vertical curricular articulation;*
 - *provide specific examples of the strategies employed to ensure that teachers regularly and formally dialogue about instructional practices;*
 - *report on the continuing work in developing, and implementing the use of course-specific and school-wide rubrics;*
 - *describe the school's plan to communicate to students and parents individual student progress in achieving the school-wide academic expectations and the school's progress in achieving all school-wide expectations to the community;*
 - *describe the school's formal, ongoing program through which each student has an adult member of the school staff in addition to the guidance counselor who personalizes that student's education experience, knows the student well, and assists the student in achieving the school-wide expectation for student learning;*
 - *assess the degree of added use of the school library due to the increase in available hours of Access;*
 - *update the Commission on any increased user fees for athletics or any changes in the policy of not charging user fees for other after-school activities; and*
 - *update the Commission on the status of all recommendations from the decennial report that have not been reported as Completed.*

[Excerpts from the July 31, 2008 letter from New England Association of Schools and Colleges]

CONCLUDING REMARKS

We were extremely fortunate to have maintained staff and services in 2008. In spite of some reductions in textbooks, instructional supplies, technology and athletics, we were able to focus on students, their direct services, and were able to minimize any immediate impact.

With all of these challenges, the staff has been upbeat and has maintained a positive can-do attitude throughout the year. We look forward to the continued support of all students to achieve their very best, no matter what the state, federal or local fiscal; pressures might be.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail M. Van Buren, Principal
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

FUND EQUITY ACCOUNTS

#3000

FUND EQUITY RESERVED - ASSESSMENT REDUCTION

July 1, 2007	Balance		125,131.00
Receipts:	Transfer From Fund Equity Unreserved		<u>200,885.00</u>
			326,016.00
Expenditures:	Assessment Reduction FN 2008		<u>125,131.00</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE (operating & capital assessment reduction FY 09)		200,885.00

#3001

FUND EQUITY RESERVED - D-R CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

July 1, 2007	Balance		329,410.62
Receipts:	Interest Earned	6,952.20	
	Transfer From: Construction Account	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,952.20</u>
			336,362.82
Expenditures:	Transfer To: Construction Account		<u>255,324.00</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		81,038.82

#3002

FUND EQUITY RESERVED - DIGHTON K-12

July 1, 2007	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Transfer From Fund Equity Unreserved		<u>25,000.00</u>
			25,000.00
Expenditures:	Transfer TO: Assessment Reduction FY 2008		<u>25,000.00</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		0.00

#3003

FUND EQUITY RESERVED-UTILITIES-DIGHTON

June 1, 2007	Balance		50,000.00
Receipts:	Transfer From: Fund Equity Unreserved		<u>0.00</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		50,000.00

#3004

FUND EQUITY RESERVED-UTILITIES-REHOBOTH

June 1, 2007	Balance		30,000.00
Receipts:	Transfer From: Fund Equity Unreserved		<u>0.00</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		30,000.00

#3005

FUND EQUITY RESERVED - REHOBOTH K-12 COMPUTERS

July 1, 2007	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Transfer From Fund Equity Unreserved		<u>35,000.00</u>
			35,000.00
Expenditures:	Transfer To: Assessment Reduction FY 2008		<u>35,000.00</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		0.00

#3010

FUND EQUITY - UNRESERVED

July 1, 2007	Balance		1,229,652.37
Receipts:	Close Out - Estimated Receipts	356,856.73	
	Close Out - Bills From Previous Years	66,766.51	
	Close Out - Budget Surplus FN 08	46,580.53	
	Close Out - Cobra	72.82	
	Close Out - Interest Received	54,881.32	
	Close Out - Miscellaneous Accounts	<u>33,515.09</u>	<u>558,673.00</u>
			1,788,325.37
Expenditures:	Transfer To - Unemployment Account	100,000.00	
	Transfer To - Fund Equity Reserve Dighton K-12	25,000.00	
	Transfer To - Fund Equity Reserve Rehoboth K-12 Computers	35,000.00	
	Transfer To Assessment Reduction FN 09	200,885.00	<u>360,885.00</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE	1,427,440.37	

#2645**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

July 1, 2007	Balance		50,500.02
Receipts:	Interest	559.08	
	Transfer from Fund Equity Unreserved	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>100,559.08</u>
			151,059.10
Expenditures:	Claims		<u>104,222.97</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		46,836.13

#2646**VOCATIONAL PRODUCTION**

July 1, 2007	Balance		7,471.85
Receipts:	Auto	18,191.28	
	Mill	0.00	
	Scholarship	0.00	
	Carpentry	1,524.10	
	Machine	<u>200.00</u>	<u>19,915.38</u>
			27,387.23
Expenditures:	Auto Supplies	16,087.38	
	Machine Supplies	93.22	
	Carpentry Supplies	<u>3,165.39</u>	<u>19,345.99</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		8,041.24

#2001**PREVIOUS YEARS BILLS**

July 1, 2007	Balance		1,162,132.34
Receipts:	Check Received	873.00	
	Transfer at Year-End (From FY 2008 into FY 2009)	<u>1 247,505.48</u>	<u>1 248,378.48</u>
			2,410,510.82
Expenditures:	Bills (From FY 2007 Paid in FY 2008)	1,096,238.83	
	Closed Out To Fund Equity Reserved - D-R Capital Improvements	0.00	
	Closed Out To Fund Equity Unreserved	<u>66,766.51</u>	<u>1,163,005.34</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE (Encumbered For F/Y 08 - To Be Paid In F/Y 09)		1,247,505.48

#5003**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

July 1, 2007	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Miscellaneous Receipts	279,391.24	
	Chapter 70 - Comm of Mass	16,062.00	
	Transportation - Comm of Mass	61,401.00	
	Closed Out From: Odd Balances for Interest on Bonds	<u>2.49</u>	<u>356,856.73</u>
			356,856.73
Expenditures:	Closed Out To Fund Equity Unreserved		<u>356,856.73</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		0.00

#5009**SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT TUITION**

July 1, 2007	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Tuitions: Town of Somerset	7,142.76	
	Tuitions: Town of Swansea	<u>21,877.50</u>	<u>29 020.26</u>
			29,020.26
Expenditures:	Closed Out To Estimated Receipts		<u>29 020.26</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		0.00

#2601
ATHLETIC REVOLVING - D-R

July 1, 2007	Balance		33,147.86
Receipts:	Calendar Sales	17,875.00	
	Game Receipts	17,111.00	
	Parking Permits	23,045.00	
	User Fees	101,245.00	
	Miscellaneous	<u>6,347.78</u>	<u>165,623.78</u>
			198,771.64
Expenditures:	Calendar Expenses	12,512.50	
	Banquet, Awards, Gifts	22,378.39	
	Medical	5,304.16	
	Town Services	8,249.80	
	Capital Expenses	34,486.47	
	Athletic Supplies	63,303.53	
	Officials	3,418.00	
	Payroll	10,699.57	
	Reconditioning/Repair of Equipment	10,048.52	
	Miscellaneous	<u>10,671.21</u>	<u>181,072.15</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		17,699.49

#2602 - 2603
CAFETERIA - DISTRICT

July 1, 2007	Balance		123,006.27
Receipts:	Student/Milk/Alacarte	670,957.30	
	Adult	0.00	
	Other	<u>0.00</u>	670,957.30
	Commonwealth of Mass.	156,653.62	
	Interest	1,776.04	
	Meals Tax	805.36	
	No Check (Comm. of Mass.)	<u>2,568.95</u>	<u>832,761.27</u>
			955,767.54
Expenditures:	Payroll	2,849.70	
	Food Service Contract	838,238.14	
	Supplies	150.28	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	567.69	
	Unemployment Compensation	0.00	
	Equipment - Replacements	11,535.89	
	Equipment	0.00	
	Equipment - Maintenance and Repairs	<u>8,038.36</u>	861,380.06
	Meals Tax	843.15	
	No Check (Commodities)	<u>2,568.95</u>	<u>864,792.16</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		90,975.38

#2617
D-R CONSTRUCTION

July 1, 2007	Balance		21,264.05
Receipts:	Transfer From: Fund Equity Reserved D-R		
	Capital Improvements (Waste System)	<u>255,324.00</u>	<u>255,324.00</u>
			276,588.05
Expenditures:	Waste System	95,919.18	
	Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>95,919.18</u>
June 30, 2008	BALANCE		180,668.87

OPERATING BUDGET REVENUE F/Y 2008

	ANTICIPATED	ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)
TOWN OF DIGHTON	7,463,672.00	7,463,672.00	0.00
TOWN OF REHOBOTH	10,760,000.00	10,760,000.00	0.00
COMM. OF MASS. (CHAPTER 70)	12,595,982.00	12,595,982.00	0.00
CHARTER TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	5,273.00	3288.00	(1,985.00)
LESS SCHOOL CHOICE SENDING TUITION	(25,195.00)	(16,332.00)	8,863.00
LESS CHARTER SCHOOL SENDING TUITION	(18,002.00)	(8,818.00)	9,184.00
COMM. OF MASS. (TRANS.)	714,184.00	775,585.00	61,401.00
TRANSFER FROM E & D	185,131.00	185,131.00	0.00
TOTALS	31,681,045.00	31,758,508.00	77,463.00

CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 2008

	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	OVER (UNDER)
D-R BONDS PRINCIPAL	285,000.00	285,000.00	0.00
D-R BONDS INTEREST	225,537.00	225,536.25	0.75
D-R REFUND BONDS PRINCIPAL	420,000.00	420,000.00	0.00
D-R REFUND BONDS INTEREST	9,925.00	9,925.00	0.00
DIMIS BOND ISSUE PRINCIPAL	405,000.00	405,000.00	0.00
DIMIS BOND ISSUE INTEREST	54,019.00	54,018.75	0.25
D/E/S/BOND ISSUE PRINCIPAL	286,390.00	286,390.00	0.00
D/E/S/BOND ISSUE INTEREST	187,440.00	187,439.52	0.48
BECKWITH BOND PRINCIPAL	190,000.00	190,000.00	0.00
BECKWITH BOND INTEREST	101,935.00	101,935.00	0.00
PALMER RIVER BOND PRINCIPAL	305,000.00	305,000.00	0.00
PALMER RIVER BOND INTEREST	157,533.00	157,532.50	0.50
PALMER RIVER BOND PRINCIPAL	23,610.00	23,610.00	0.00
PALMER RIVER BOND INTEREST	13,411.00	13,410.49	0.51
TOTALS	2,664,800.00	2,664,797.51	2.49

CAPITAL BUDGET REVENUE F/7'2008

	ACTICIPATED	ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)
TOWN OF DIGHTON	345,136.00	345,136.00	0.00
TOWN OF REHOBOTH	523,940.00	523,940.00	0.00
COMM OF MASS S.B.A.B.	1,795,724.00	1,795,724.00	0.00
TOTALS	2,664,800.00	2,664,800.00	0.00

DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS FY 2008

	BUDGETED	MISC.INCOME	EXPENDED	WARRANT PAYABLE	ENCUMBRANCES & ACCT. PAYABLE	BALANCE
1000 ADMINISTRATION	987,393.00	34.87	930,880.03	32,573.74	47,595.09	(23,620.99)
2000 INSTRUCTIONAL	13,350,761.00	6,317.26	12,917,127.97	143,904.10	352,820.70	(56,774.51)
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	1,397,022.00	0.00	1,413,218.37	7,572.53	13,496.50	(37,265.40)
4000 OPERATION & MAINT PLANT	3,197,440.00	0.00	2,624,437.03	84,217.08	339,732.77	149,053.12
5000 FIXED CHARGES	4,724,905.00	9,735.90	4,504,478.39	33.00	0.00	230,129.51
7000 ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	13,667.31	0.00	0.00	(13,667.31)
9000 PROGRAMS OTHER DISTRICTS	16,922.00	0.00	10,103.15	0.00	2,800.00	4,018.85
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	7,249,117.00	298.00	6,897,152.31	68,097.58	480,011.61	(195,846.50)
VOCATIONAL DAY PROGRAM	757,485.00	0.00	755,128.95	753.48	11,048.81	(9,446.24)
TOTALS	31,681,045.00	16,386.03	30,066,193.51	337,151.51	1,247,505.48	46,580.53

D-R OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS FY 2008

	BUDGETED	MISC.INCOME	EXPENDED	WARRANT PAYABLE	ENCUMBRANCES & ACCT. PAYABLE	BALANCE
1000 ADMINISTRATION	987,393.00	34.87	930,880.03	32,573.74	47,595.09	(23,620.99)
2000 INSTRUCTIONAL	4,960,142.00	3,584.79	4,804,071.87	59,217.02	125,820.77	[25,382.87)
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	655,000.00	0.00	665,742.19	2,561.18	9,489.75	(22,793.12)
4000 OPERATION & MAINT PLANT	1,301,994.00	0.00	1,045,368.17	43,772.34	160,327.66	52,525.83
5000 FIXED CHARGES	1,744,448.00	3,436.20	1,658,210.23	6.00	0.00	89,667.97
7000 ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	13,667.31	0.00	0.00	(13,667.31)
9000 PROGRAMS OTHER DISTRICTS	9,050.00	0.00	3,698.76	0.00	2,800.00	2,551.24
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	980,785.00	0.00	958,620.63	4,987.33	41,377.53	[24,200.49)
VOCATIONAL DAY PROGRAM	757,485.00	0.00	755,128.95	753.48	11,048.81	[9,446.24)
TOTALS	11,396,297.00	7,055.86	10,835,388.14	143,871.09	398,459.61	25,634.02

DIGHTON K-8 OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 2008

	BUDGETED	MISC.INCOME	EXPENDED	WARRANT PAYABLE	ENCUMBRANCES & ACCT. PAYABLE	BALANCE
2000 INSTRUCTIONAL	4,095,483.00	2,405.77	3,981,190.91	73,080.85	83,285.49	(39,668.48)
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	330,035.00	0.00	324,976.86	2,773.94	4,006.75	(1,722.55)
4000 OPERATION & MAINT PLANT	868,657.00	0.00	753,471.46	19,366.73	85,103.30	10,715.51
5000 FIXED CHARGES	1,218,773.00	2,519.88	1,140,728.80	6.00	0.00	80,558.08
7000 ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 PROGRAMS OTHER DISTRICTS	2,984.00	0.00	2,647.43	0.00	0.00	336.57
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	2,804,227.00	0.00	2,479,036.72	30,341.46	335,937.55	(41,088.73)
TOTALS	9,320,159.00	4,925.65	8,682,052.18	125,568.98	508,333.09	9,130.40

REHOBOTH K-8 OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 2008

	BUDGETED	MISC.INCOME	EXPENDED	WARRANT PAYABLE	ENCUMBRANCES & ACCT. PAYABLE	BALANCE
2000 INSTRUCTIONAL	4,295,136.00	326.70	4,131,865.19	11,606.23	143,714.44	8,276.84
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	411,987.00	0.00	422,499.32	2,237.41	0.00	(12,749.73)
4000 OPERATION & MAINT PLANT	1,026,789.00	0.00	825,597.40	21,078.01	94,301.81	85,811.78
5000 FIXED CHARGES	1,761,684.00	3,779.82	1,705,539.36	21.00	0.00	59,903.46
7000 ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 PROGRAMS OTHER DISTRICTS	4,888.00	0.00	3,756.96	0.00	0.00	1,131.04
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	3,464,105.00	298.00	3,459,494.96	32,768.79	102,696.53	(130,557.28)
TOTALS	10,964,589.00	4,404.52	10,548,753.19	67,711.44	340,712.78	11,816.11

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RECEIPTS:

ASSESSMENTS MEMBER TOWNS	19,092,748.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:	
CHAPTER 70, SCHOOL AID	12,595,982.00
CHARTER SCHOOL TUITION/REIMBURSEMENTS	3,288.00
SCHOOL CHOICE ASSESSMENTS	(16,332.00)
CHARTER SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS	(8,818.00)
TRANSPORTATION	775,585.00
S.B.A.B. CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,795,724.00
CIRCUIT BREAKER	263,970.00
GRANTS	836,462.75
FY 07 GRANT RECEIVABLE	209,946.50
REVOLVING ACCOUNTS	663,822.87
MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT	193,484.65
SMHG MEDICARE D	63,480.26
INTEREST	61,833.52
DISTRICT CAFETERIA	820,066.10
STUDENT TUITION	29,020.26
BUDGET (REIMBURSEMENTS, REFUNDS, AND REBATES)	16,386.03
MISCELLANEOUS (LOST BOOKS, PETTY CASH, ETC)	25,180.66
TOTAL	37,421,830.60

EXPENDITURES:

OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES	30,066,193.51
CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES	2,664,797.51
GRANT EXPENDITURES	1,017,791.89
REVOLVING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES	797,511.67
CIRCUIT BREAKER - COMM OF MASS	366,227.00
WARRANT PAYABLE & OLD BILLS FROM FY06	1,305,173.30
DISTRICT CAFETERIA	862,223.21
TOTAL	37,079,918.09

Town Offices are open
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and
Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.,
and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Selectmen and Board of Health	Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board	First & Third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Cable Committee	Second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Council on Aging	Second Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Village
Finance Committee	Third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
D-R Regional School Committee	Second & Fourth Tuesdays
Annual Meeting	Second Tuesday in April
Playground Commission	Second & Fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Sewer Commission	Second & Fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Soil Conservation	First Monday every other month at 7:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Village

AMBULANCE	669-6767
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	252-3541
ASSESSORS	669-5043
BUILDING INSPECTOR	669-4524
COUNCIL ON AGING	823-0095
DOG OFFICER	677-3137
FIRE DEPARTMENT	669-6767
POLICE DEPARTMENT	669-6711
PUBLIC LIBRARY	669-6421
PLANNING BOARD	669-6636
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	669-5702
SCHOOL NURSE	824-4491
SEALER OF WEIGHTS	669-5258
SEWER COMMISSION	669-5111
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE & BOARD OF HEALTH	669-6431
STREET DEPARTMENT	669-5461
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	669-6011
TOWN CLERK, COLLECTOR & TREASURER	669-5411
VETERAN'S AGENT	669-5027

